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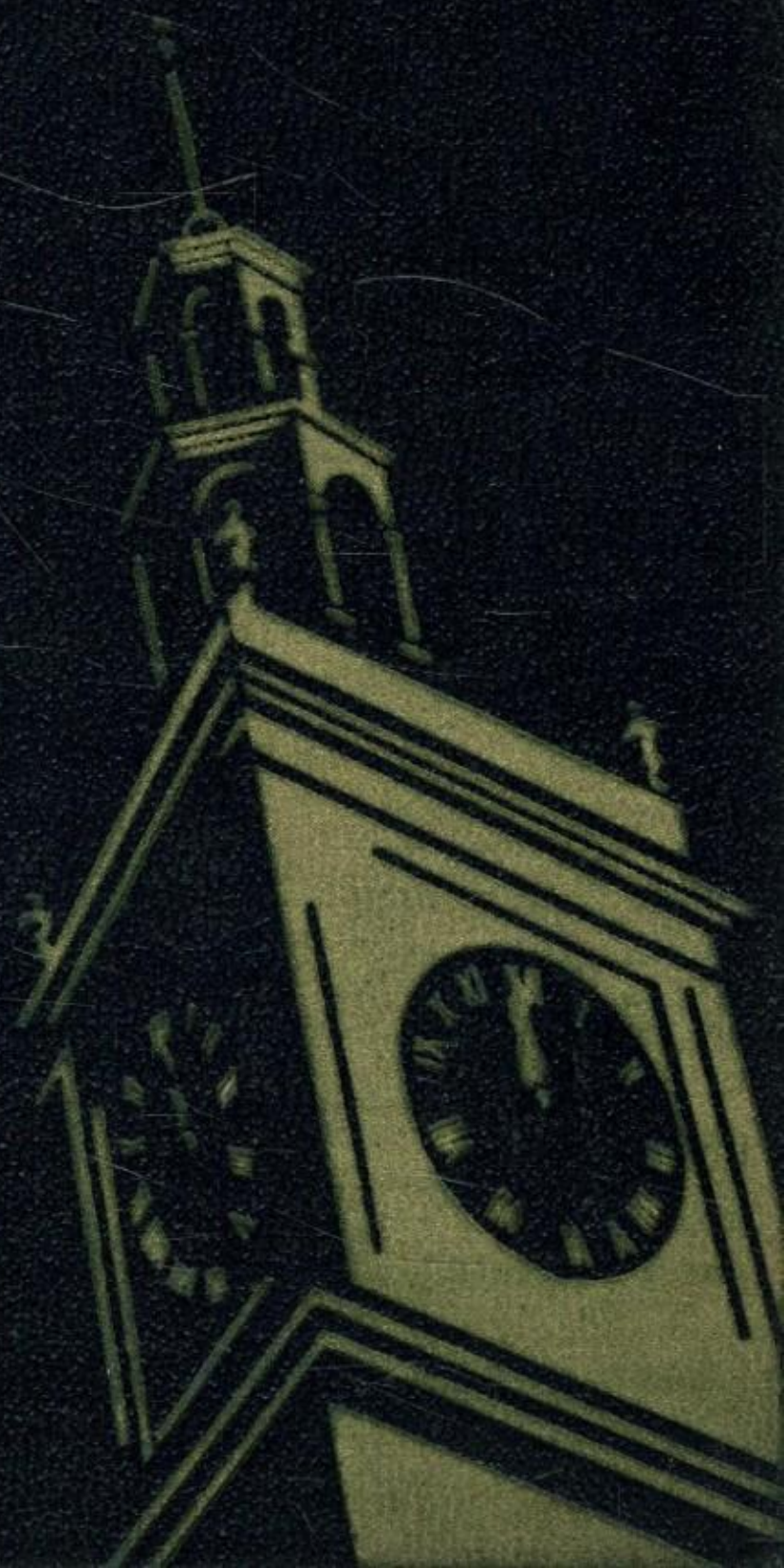

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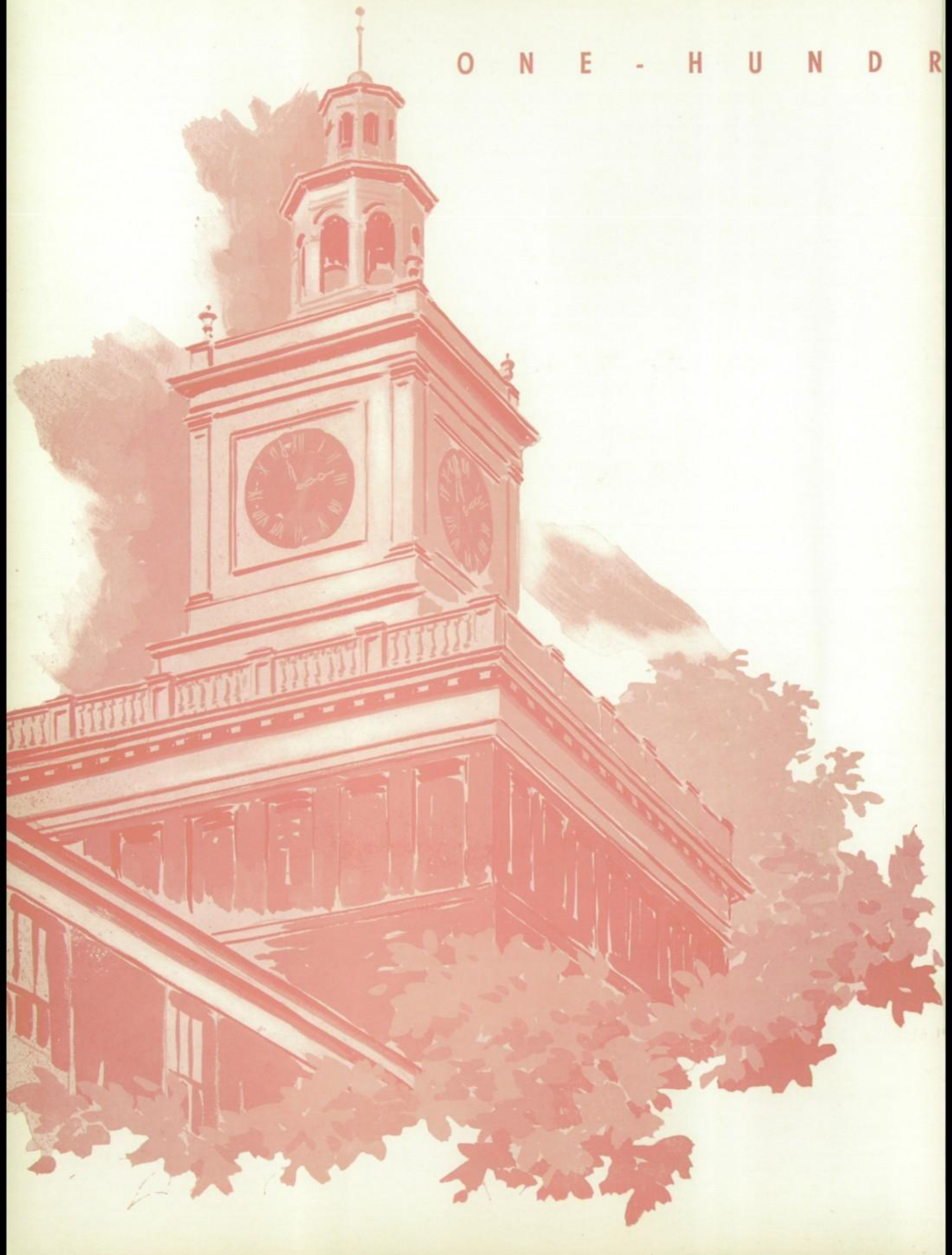

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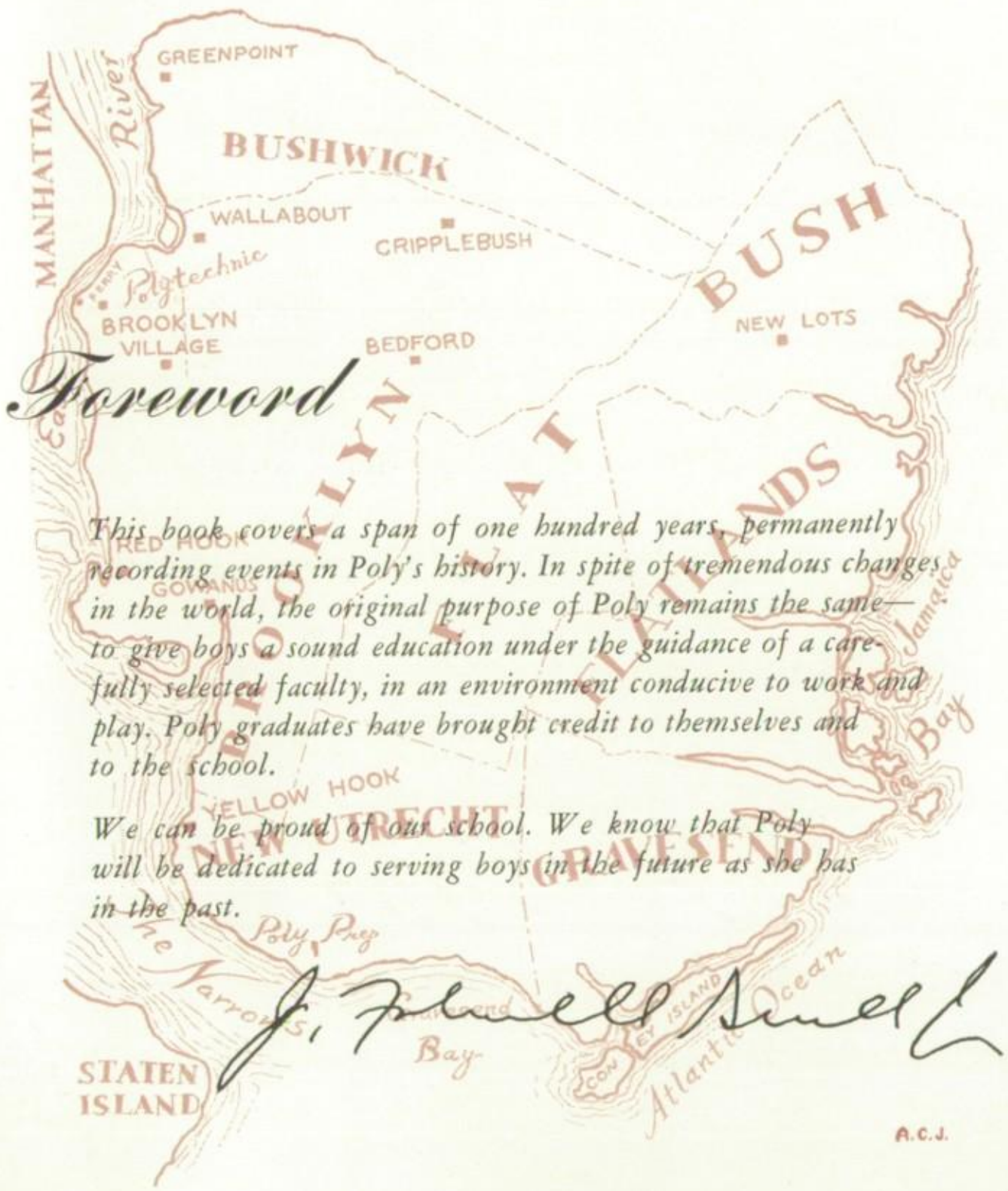


Foreword

This book covers a span of one hundred years, permanently recording events in Poly's history. In spite of tremendous changes in the world, the original purpose of Poly remains the same—to give boys a sound education under the guidance of a carefully selected faculty, in an environment conducive to work and play. Poly graduates have brought credit to themselves and to the school.

We can be proud of our school. We know that Poly will be dedicated to serving boys in the future as she has in the past.

J. Russell Sewell

A.C.J.

DEDICATION

This volume of the POLYGLOT is dedicated to Poly Prep, a renowned institution

To those with the vision who laid the foundation, who supported in time of need, who dared to change when change was needed

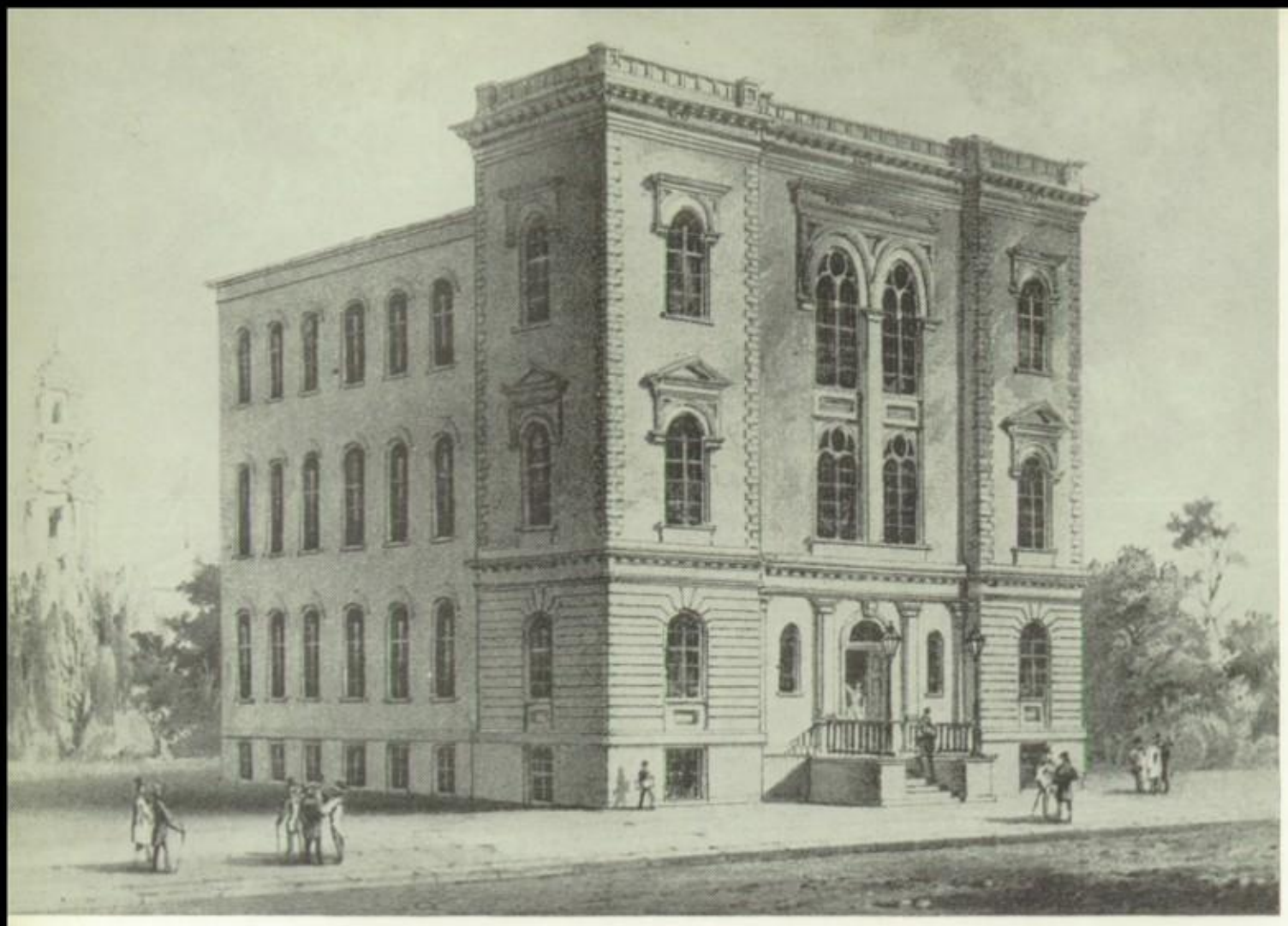
To those who in devotion to youth have spent years in teaching

To those who in their too short lives have not failed in service to their country

To all Poly boys who with spiritual earnestness have striven to hold high the torch

"Yea, I have a goodly heritage"

1854 • 1954

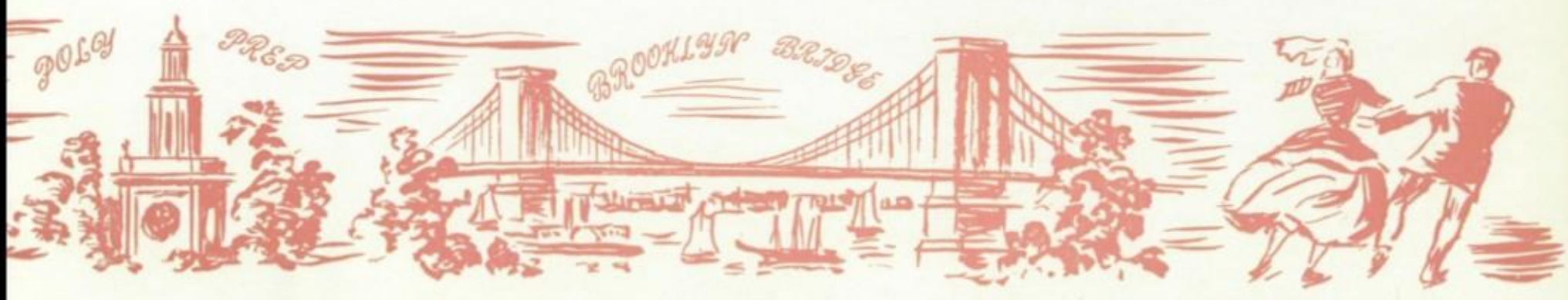


"A large, commodious, and elegant edifice on Livingston Street"

A public pump near Fulton Ferry

PACKER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE *"Nowhere so much enterprise and liberality for the advancement of female education"*

HILLS OF BROOKLYN IN 1854 *"City of sparkling waters! city of spires and masts"*



FULTON AND DEKALB
"The character of the place was thoroughly rural"

ALONG THE BROOKLYN SHORES TO THE DISTANT NARROWS IN 1855
"The changing panorama of steamers, the white-sailed schooners"

CITY HALL
"I see this day the people beginning their landmarks"

FULTON FERRY *"Already becoming the greatest of its sort in the world for importance and picturesqueness"*

Through The Years

WALL ST. FERRY *"I too many and many a time crossed the river and saw the ships at anchor"*

"This is the city, *and I am one of the citizens. Whatever interests the rest, interests me—politics, wars, markets, newspapers, schools." So wrote the good gray poet, Walt Whitman, whose first edition of the momentous* LEAVES OF GRASS *was published at 170 Fulton Street in the year the Brooklyn Polytechnic and Collegiate Institute started classes for 257 students.*

Three days after *the burning of the Brooklyn Female Academy in 1853, Mrs. Harriet Packer expressed her desire to found "an institution for the education of my own sex in the higher branches of literature in lieu of that now known as the Brooklyn Female Academy." The stockholders readily accepted her conditions that they transfer their shares of ownership to found a "similar institution for young men." In a few days a group of prominent citizens met to select the board of trustees for the new boys school. A year later, January 31, 1854, a site on Livingston Street was purchased, and in September 1855, the new building opened its doors.*

The object of the school *as announced in the first catalog was "to afford to the youth of this city, and to others who may choose it as a place of study, the requisite facility for a thorough education, adapted to their destined pursuits. The large and commodious edifice, erected for its use, is provided with all appropriate means and appliances for the health and comfort of its pupils, and for the business of instruction. Location is near the point of convergence of several city railroads, easily accessible from all directions." There was no building east of the school in the block, and the Dutch Reformed Church with fine trees around it stood in the middle of the lot between Livingston and Joralemon streets. Many vacant lots in the neighborhood gave a feeling of the openness of a suburban town.*

The new school was "near the point of convergence of several city railroads"

In 1854 *the present Kings County comprised six towns made up of twenty-five villages. Brooklyn had been a city for twenty years and extended from Wallabout to Gowanus. The old town of Breuckelen had risen to seventh in the country with a population of 120,000. With the consolidation of Brooklyn and Williamsburg the next year (1855) the city jumped to third place.*

Close to the new school *were Clover Hill and the Heights. We can gain some idea of that part of Brooklyn from contemporary descriptions. "The face and brow of this noble cliff were covered with a beautiful growth of cedar and locust." "The elevated situation of these country residences gives the advantage of a charming view, the men going to New York in the morning and returning after the stock exchange closes. In all the blocks between Fulton Street and the Heights lies a dreamy, shady quiet under the trees that line the walks there and through the ample yards." Shady streets of Brooklyn were advertised as the nearest sylvan retreat to New York, and Brooklyn as almost exclusively a city of residences of a sterling middle class.*

The daily round to trim the sputtering lamps

For years traffic *between Brooklyn and New York faced the dangers and difficulties of several ferries, operated first by sail or oars, later by horses, and finally by steam. By 1854 after much wrangling, several lines were consolidated and the fare increased to two cents.*

In that year *the spires of 113 churches pierced the Brooklyn sky, Henry Ward Beecher being in his sixth year at Plymouth. Gas-light introduced six years previously for street use was just beginning to supersede flickering oil; lamp lighters, however, still made their rounds on many streets. Not until five years later was the city to have a water system, an achievement hailed with a gigantic fete in 1859.*

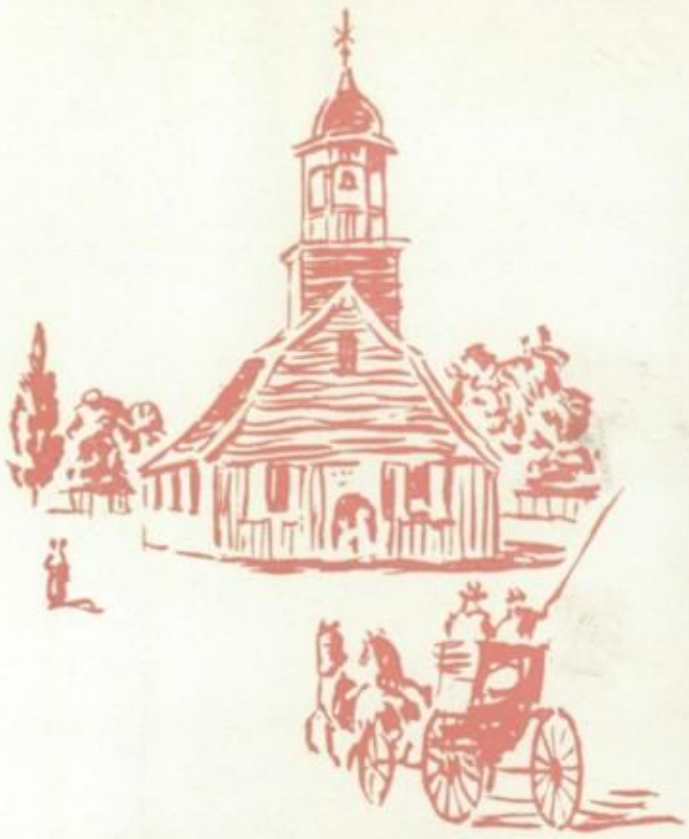
EENDRACHT MAAHT MACHT
Dutch motto of Brooklyn
(Unity makes might)

Connecting Brooklyn *with the outside villages were several stage and omnibus lines, some of which continued to 1860. By July 1854 the Brooklyn City Railroad had started two or three miles of track for horsecars, and increased in 1855 to thirty miles of horsecar tracks with only eighteen miles of stage. Flatbush Avenue had just been opened in 1854, but in traveling to Flatbush by the new turnpike one paid toll before reaching the present Prospect Park. Walt Whitman speaks with gusto of the Brooklyn stages, "Rolling down to Fort Hamilton through miles of open country."*

ACROSS THE BATTERY

"The river and bay scenery: The hurrying, splashing sea tides"

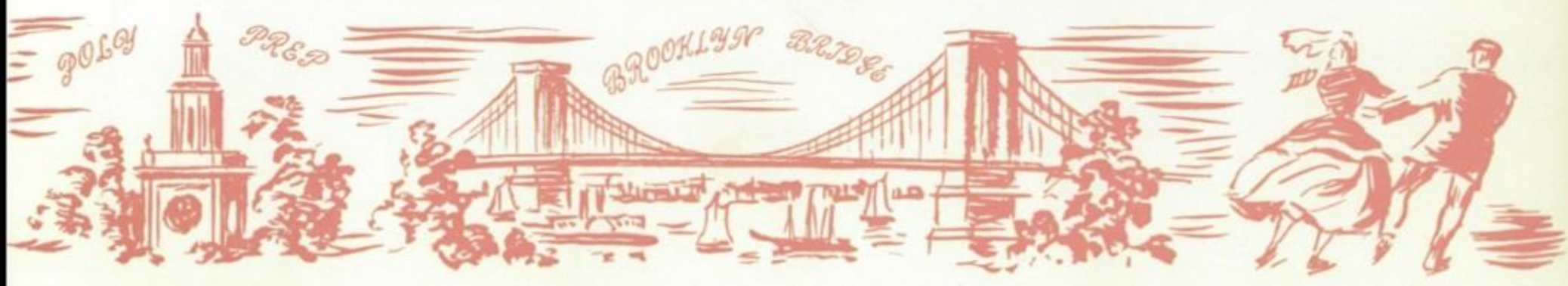
For a mile Fulton Street was lined with trees, taverns, shops, and dwelling houses



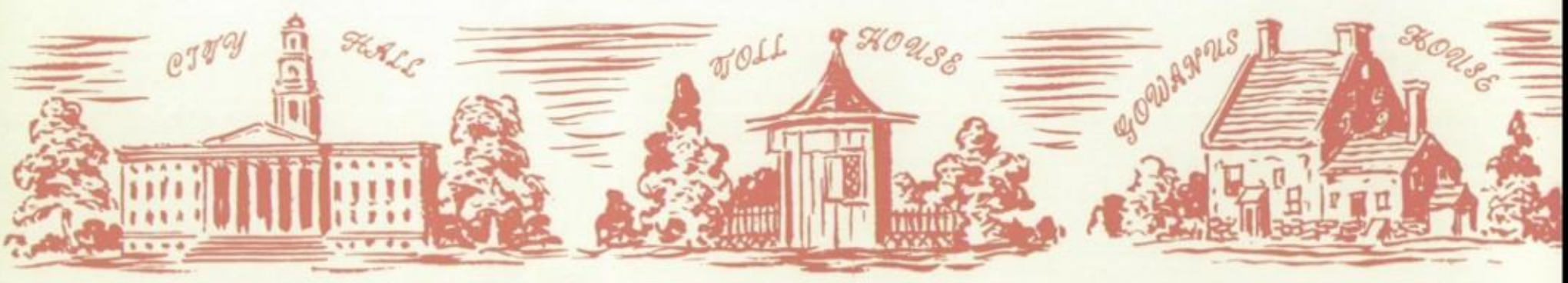
Piety without ostentation—a Dutch church

MANSION HOUSE, *Gowanus Road*

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ABOVE FURMAN STREET
"The Heights afford a commanding view of the city and harbor, and are noted for salubrity"

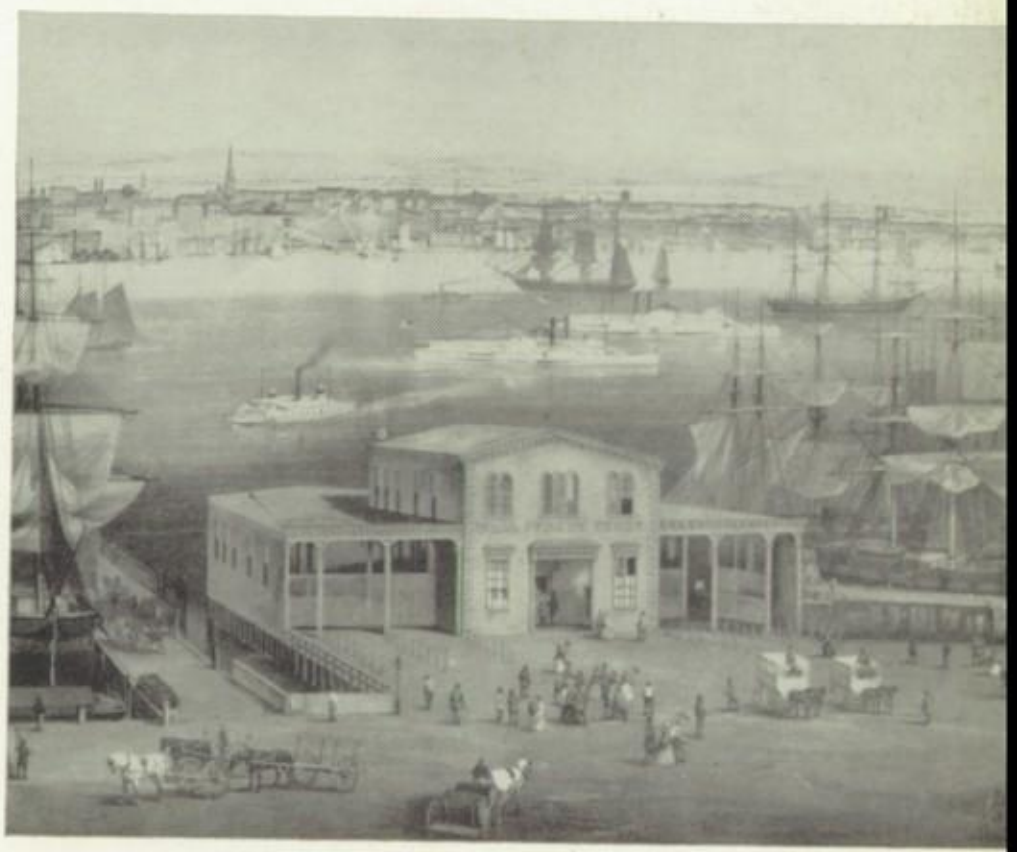


FORT HAMILTON AND THE WOODS AND FIELDS OF BAY RIDGE
"The picturesqueness and oceanic amplitude,
the unsurpassed situation of river and bay"



FULTON STREET
Brooklyn a city of residences

CORTELYOU HOUSE *on site of Fort Hamilton*
Ferry ran from here to Staten Island



WALL STREET FERRY
"The shipping of Manhattan north and west, and the Heights of Brooklyn to the south and east"

OLD MILL ON ROGERS AVENUE
Until 1879 a reminder that Flatbush had been a Dutch village

***A Polytechnic boy in* 1855** *could have visited the site of the future home of Poly by taking a stage line from Fulton Ferry by way of Flatbush. Horses were changed near Erasmus Hall before the stagecoach continued to the village of Fort Hamilton. He might if he preferred have followed the shore from Gowanus to Yellow Hook by a recently straightened and widened road as far as the Brooklyn City line. Then along the newly renamed Third Avenue, marked with elm trees, he might drive along shaded country roads past farms along the winding Shore Road with views of the Narrows to the section called since 1853 Bay Ridge, and known as a popular weekend resort with sandy beaches. Henry Ward Beecher once wrote a piece in praise of "The Gardens and Drives of Bay Ridge."*

That the new school *on Livingston Street became at once a part of community life is evidenced by the two pianoforte soireés given in the Polytechnic Hall by the celebrated Gottschalk in 1856, five years before the Academy of Music was inaugurated.*

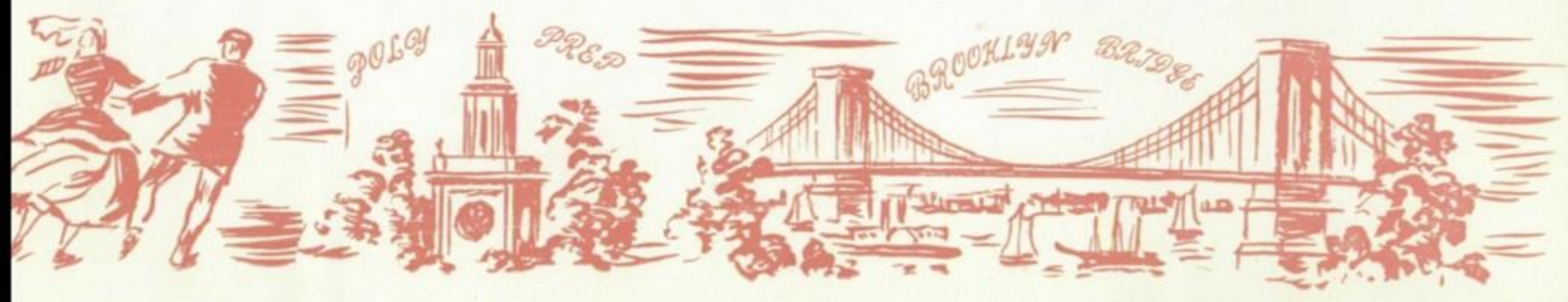
***In the autumn of* 1856** *when the Republican party was making its first national campaign with Fremont as its candidate, a Polytechnic boy, W. A. White, looked in at a campaign meeting held in a large tent at the corner of Pierrepont and Henry streets and was surprised to hear his classmate, sixteen-year-old Rossiter Raymond, making an eloquent and stirring anti-slavery address. Five years later citizens were electrified with the news of the surrender of Fort Sumter. Buildings in Brooklyn not displaying the stars and stripes were suspected of harboring the disloyal. We read of several young men proceeding to Packer to demand the exhibition of the flag at that school.*

MILESTONE *on the old Kings Highway*

Still standing at 18th Avenue and 82nd Street

Professor Sill *of the faculty joined the Ohio volunteers and fell mortally wounded at Stone River. The catalog for two years included the announcement, "Light muskets suitable for cadet drill are supplied for the use of the Institute Corps." Boys wore a uniform for drill, and many a graduate volunteered for Army service. Many meetings were held in the school chapel in 1864 of the War Fund Relief Committee.*

The light we sought is shining still



I will instruct thee and teach thee
in the way which thou shalt go

To know the universe itself as a road,
as roads for traveling souls

The others that are to follow me,
the ties between me and them

Where is the way
where light dwelleth

To the calmly gathered thought
The innermost of life is taught

Happiness, knowledge,
not in another place but
this place—not for another
hour but this hour

In the years following *the Civil War the greatest change affecting the growth of Brooklyn was the opening in 1883 of the world famous Brooklyn Bridge. A prominent Brooklynite, General Johnson, had declared, "Those waters must forever form an insurmountable obstacle." Roebling's Folly, nevertheless, one of the wonders of the world, was to become the symbol of Brooklyn and at once to alter the history of the two neighboring cities.*

RED LION INN
at 35th Street near 4th Avenue

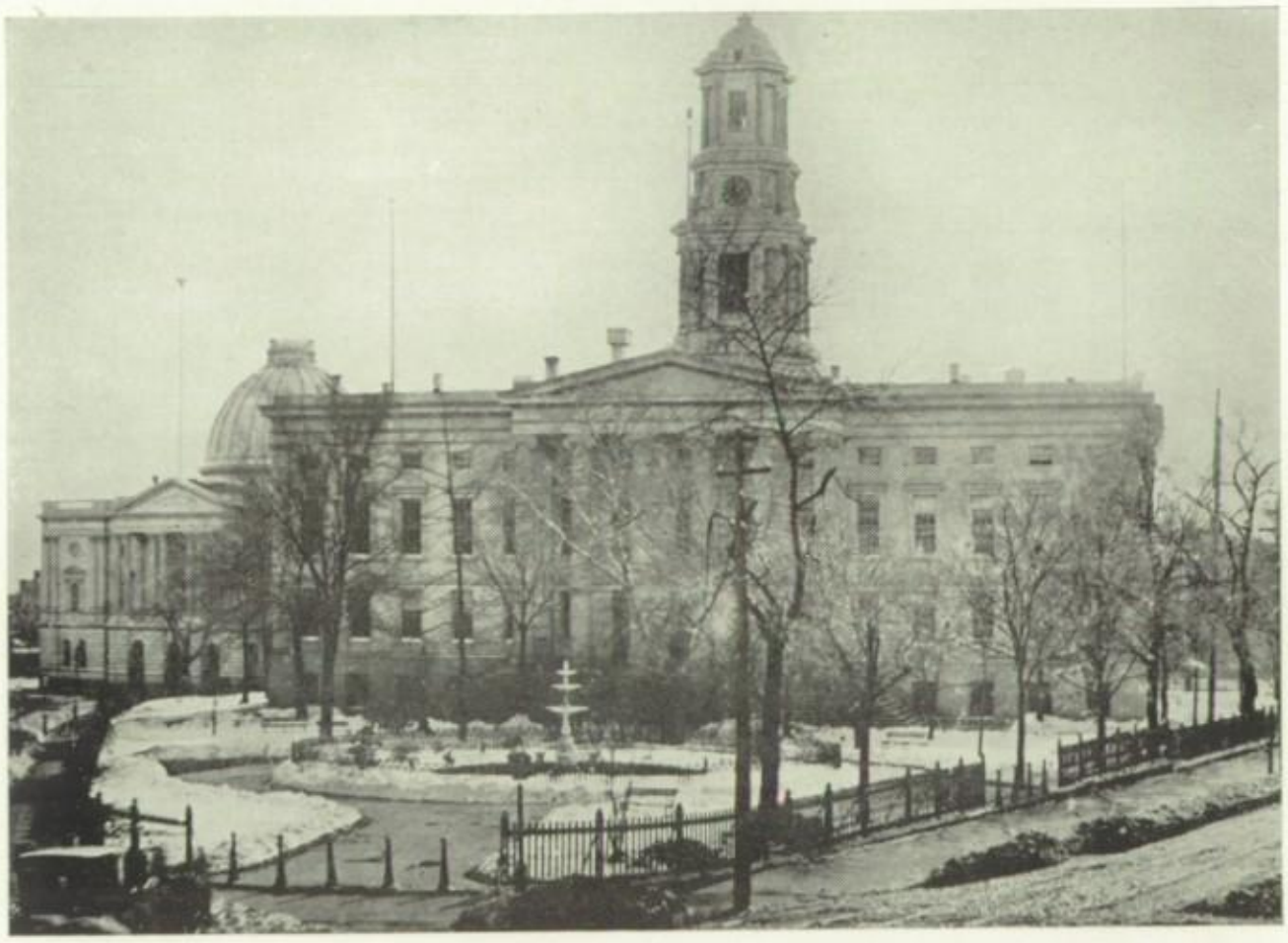
Several streets in 1883 *were described as of exceptional width, as well paved and lighted, and as forming attractive routes for carriages, notably Flatbush, Bedford, Clinton, and Third avenues. Salt meadows were being drained, hills leveled, woods cut, and lanes widened and straightened. Coney Island Avenue was a plank road leading to one of the finest mile racing tracks in the world. In that year one changed from horsecars to steam cars at 25th Street on the trip to Bay Ridge. We read, "Many thousands of people are daily conveyed through the cultivated fields and gardens to the cool shores of Bay Ridge. No portion of the country within easy reach of the metropolis has a situation more favorable as a retreat from the enervating heats and offensive odors of the city than the stretch of shore from Bay Ridge to Gravesend." Two years later (1885) an elevated line with steam engines was opened on Fulton Street.*

The well-dressed young man

"The curriculum, at first preparatory, *in the main, for college and for business pursuits, was steadily enlarged and extended, until, by the year 1870, two courses of study had been provided, leading respectively to the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts. The work of the Preparatory Department had also become extended so that it required the whole of the building now occupied by the Institute to accommodate the greater number of its classes.*

"In 1889 it was determined *to surrender the charter of the academy, and in its place to procure the incorporation of a new institution. It was contemplated that the new corporation should afford scope for whatever growth and development the new institution might attain and should conduct, as formerly, the Academic Department, which has always been an important part of the whole work." The new name was to be simply the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.*

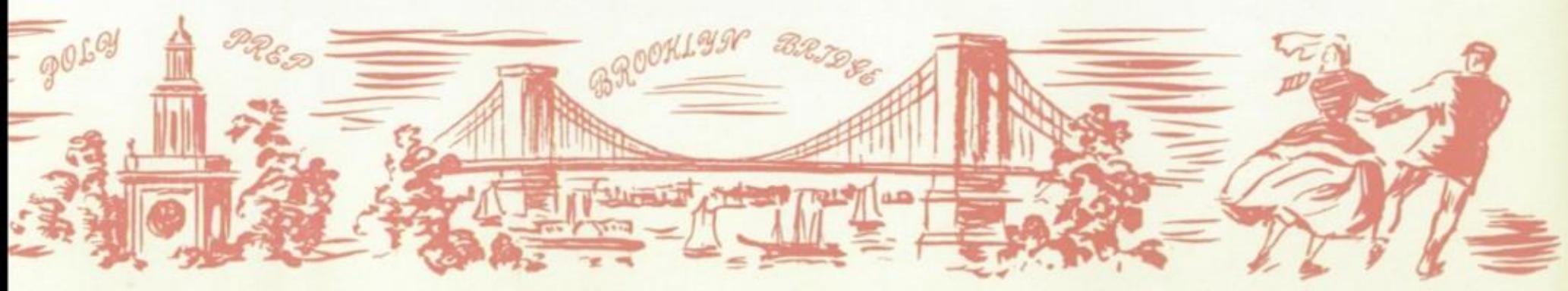
THE DELIGHTFUL DRIVE *along Shore Road to Fort Hamilton*



CITY HALL PARK *in 1874*

A great sea city with a mingling of races from all the world

SHORE ROAD *in 1874*



THE BELT PARKWAY *skirting Fort Hamilton in 1877*

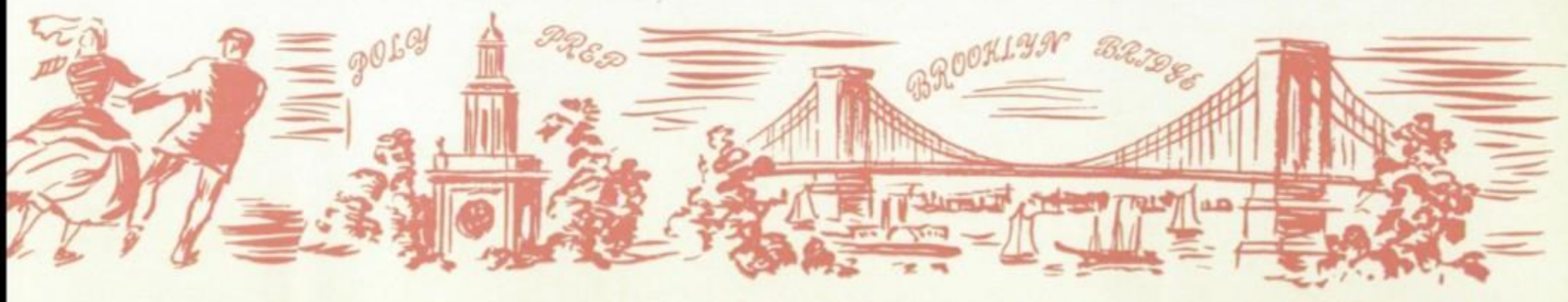
1854 *Poly* 1954

ENTRANCE TO THE NARROWS

"With tracks for steam cars, roadway for carriages, and walks for foot passengers"

FLATBUSH TOLL HOUSE *in 1877*

THE GREAT EAST RIVER BRIDGE *to connect the cities of New York and Brooklyn*
"To have an elevated promenade commanding a view of extraordinary beauty"



With the original building *now used solely by the academic classes, there developed on the part of the students a desire for separation from the college in other ways, in certain activities and in sports. The idea of Poly Prep as distinct from the Institute increased in that decade, until finally in 1900 diplomas were awarded to those completing the academic work, the first class to be officially recognized as graduates of Poly Prep.*

The fashion of 1855

With the Brooklyn Bridge *facilitating passage of the East River the growth of Brooklyn was inevitable and rapid. Consolidation with other towns was completed in 1894 with the joining of New Utrecht to Brooklyn, and of Flatlands in 1896, thus making the city co-extensive with Kings County. The enlarged city was to be independent for only a year and a half before it became a borough of New York in 1898 with a population of close to a million.*

The rapid growth *of business and industry in the Borough Hall section stimulated discussion of plans in 1904 to relocate the school on the broad, tree-lined Eastern Parkway. Although this plan was dropped, increasing importance of sports further emphasized the inadequacy of the location for growing boys. In 1908 trolley tracks were laid on Livingston Street, as that part of Brooklyn became almost wholly commercial.*

When the decision *was finally made to move the school, the site selected was historic ground. Close by had stood the house of Jacques Cortelyou, founder of the Dutch Colony, who bought the land twice from the Indians in addition to paying yearly rental, and who began every document, "In the name of God, Amen." Old Dutch dykes built on the edge of many acres of meadow were later to give the name to Dyker Meadows.*

Gravesend Bay *had been called the "Beautiful Bay" in 1524 by Giovanni da Verazzano, the Florentine corsair. In 1608 the log of Henry Hudson's* Half Moon *referred to it as the "first bay." "When they came in the* first bay, *the water was calm, and they drew near the land and after waiting a few hours, five men including himself, went on the land, where they remained over night and returned to the ship and proceeded through a narrow channel to a swelling of the water, and then they proceeded by slow stages up the river."*

This same bay *offered anchorage to the English in 1664, when they took over the land from the Dutch. Again in 1776 a British armada covered the waters of Gravesend Bay with four hundred boats waiting for action. They had assembled to fight the first avowed battle after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. By a British officer's map the main forces engaged in the Battle of Long Island landed close to the present Poly grounds.*

Despite English control *of most colonies, Dutch had remained stubbornly the language of the town of New Utrecht for years, for not until 1794 do we find an advertisement for an "English Schoolmaster capable of teaching reading, writing and arithmetic, recommended for good morals and sober deportment."*

THE BULLS HEAD *on Atlantic Avenue*

FORT LAFAYETTE *(formerly Fort Diamond) and the Narrows*

Enlarged accommodations and increased facilities in 1890

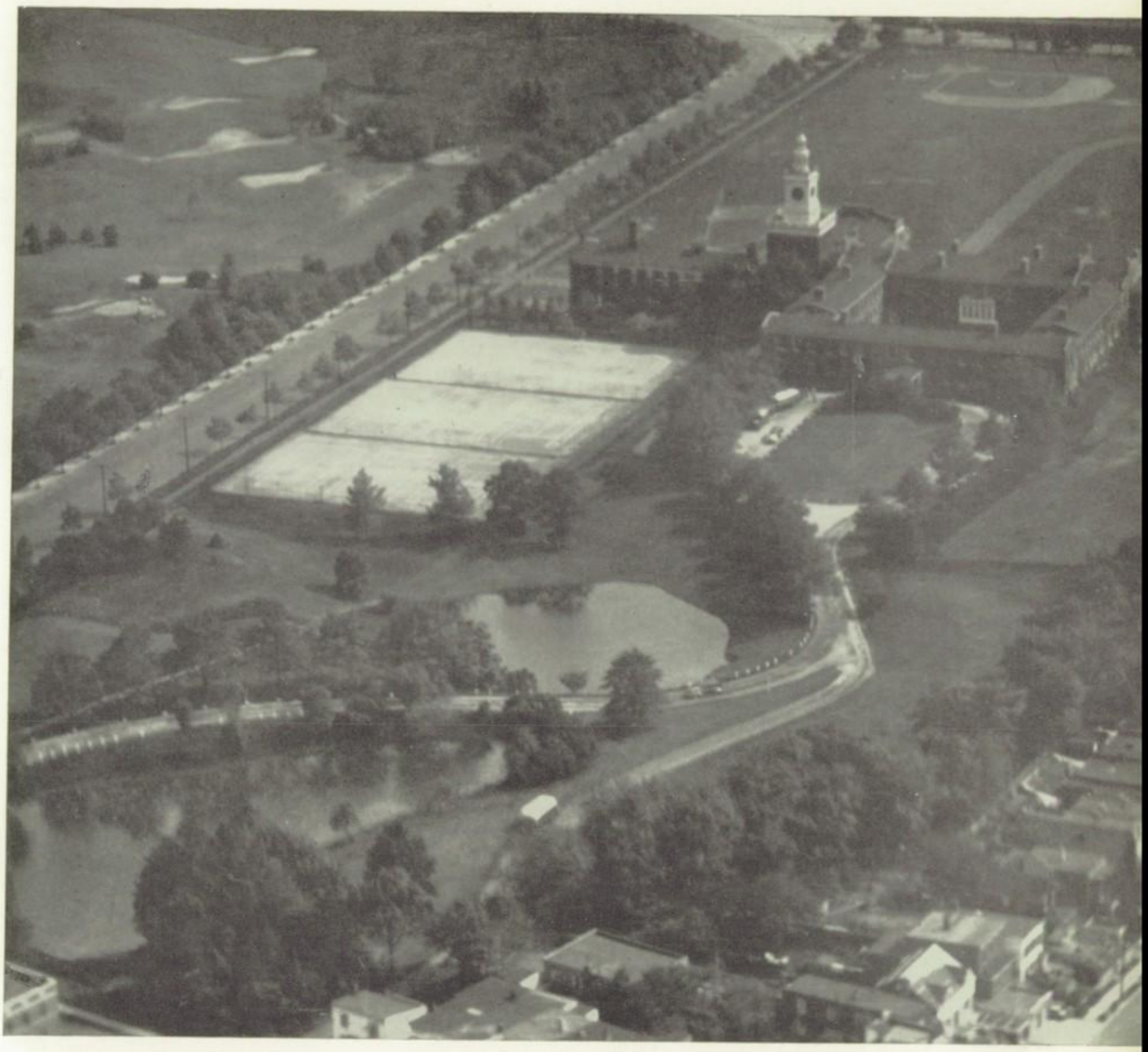
A Bay Ridge farm near Fifth Avenue

Business growth in the City Hall area
MONTAGUE AND COURT STREETS IN 1886

OPENING DAY, SEPTEMBER 1918
"Heir of the past so grand—to build a grander future"

Steam elevated train and horse cars on Fulton Street, 1890

Patterns of light and shade near Orange Street, 1892



THE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
"Fields of freedom in the open air"

"You that shall cross from shore to shore years hence are more to me than you might suppose"

Following the opening *of the subway in 1916, Bay Ridge began to feel the effects of the new transportation, farms disappearing rapidly, as streets were laid out and widened. Sheep and goats, however, still roamed a few fields in the vicinity, and houses of squatters were found within the limits of the present Dyker Golf Course.*

The Poly Prep *of January 1916 described a Bay Ridge that has vastly changed: "Dyker Heights is one of the small number of locations left in Brooklyn which are entirely given over to residence. It is practically untouched by the advance of commercial development and retains most of its original beauty."*

With a school enrollment *in 1916 much greater than that of the Institute, the Trustees decided to separate the school and the Institute and started a campaign for funds to purchase a site and erect a building adjoining the Dyker Meadows. After loss of a site selected on 86th Street, ground was broken in May, 1917, on a 25-acre plot close to the shore of Gravesend Bay and adjoining Fort Hamilton, and the cornerstone laid by Alexander M. White, whose father had been a trustee in 1858.*

Although the building *was not completed nor fully furnished, the new Poly Prep Country Day School opened September, 1917. With no windows on one side of the building, no blackboards, no proper desks, only folding chairs to seat the boys, and with three hundred workmen, the building more resembled a carpenter shop than a school. That the boys approved the change of location is evidenced by the declaration in the POLYGLOT of 1918 that the new school was "as nearly ideal as possible." The editors speak of the discouraging question of transportation as being solved by the completion of the new subway to 86th Street and "buses to convey people from the cars to the school building." They could exult especially in the fact that the "nuisance of traveling from school to athletic field has been entirely eliminated."*

Superb were the views *across the expansive waters towards Atlantic Highlands; bracing was the tang of salt in the air; inspiring to watch the passage of great ocean liners, "greeting ships that ply their way."*

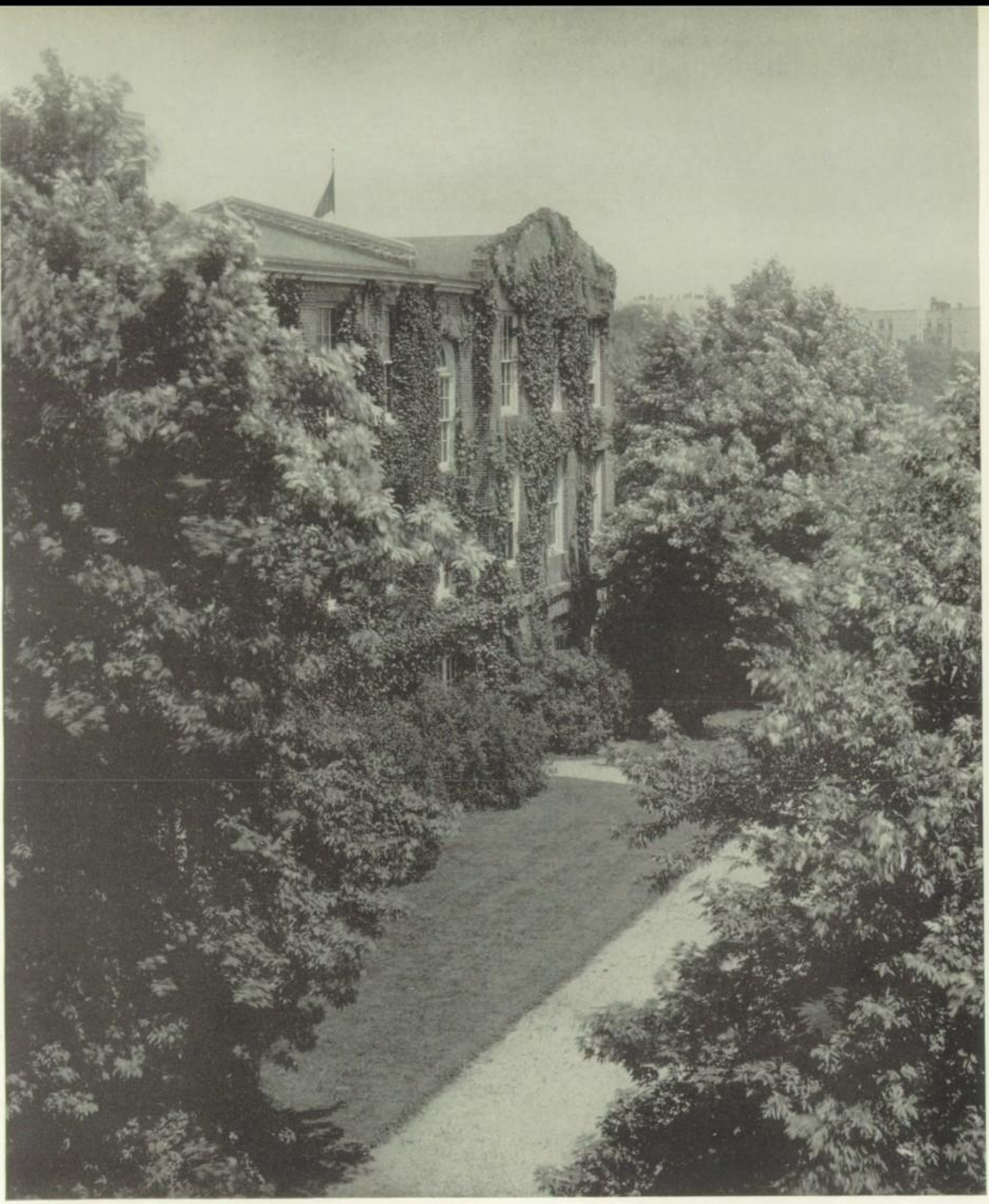
*"**Building, equipping like a fleet of ships,** immortal ships, soon to sail out over measureless seas on the soul's voyage." Today the distance from the Bay has been increased by fill, the unobstructed view has been narrowed by the building of the Veterans Hospital.*

Looking back over *such few reminders of 100 years we may find suggestions of a way of life that have disappeared because of the growth of the city and because of the increased facility of communications. We may find in these pages a reminder of customs and of the personality of those who have laid the foundation.*

*"**Then falter not, O book,** fulfill your destiny, you not a reminiscence of the land alone." **To close this** backward look with words of the Brooklyn poet: "I know that the past was great, and that the future will be great, And I know that both curiously conjoint in the present time, And that where I am or you are at this present day, there is the center of all days . . . the meaning to us of all that has ever come . . . or ever will come."*

CONEY ISLAND MARDI GRAS

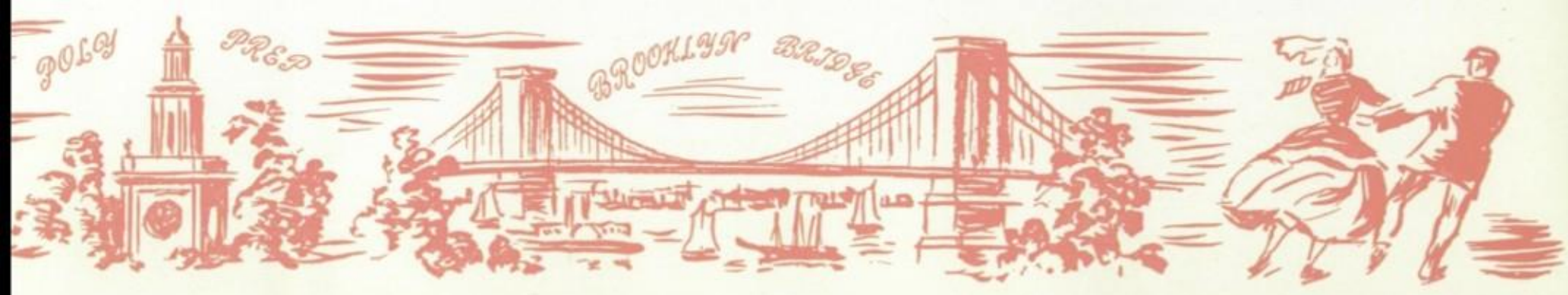
"The hurrying, feverish, electric crowds"



Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times

Lead me in thy truth and teach me

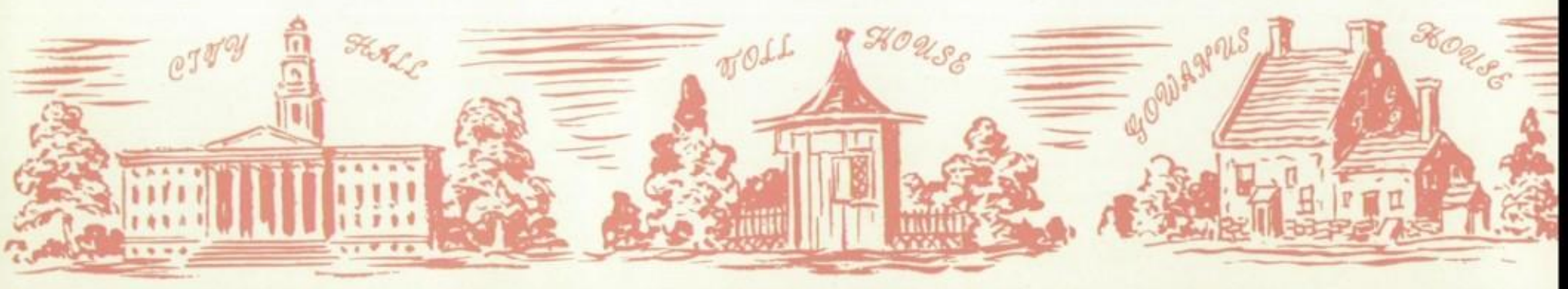
Will you seek afar off? you surely come back at last
in things best known to you finding the best



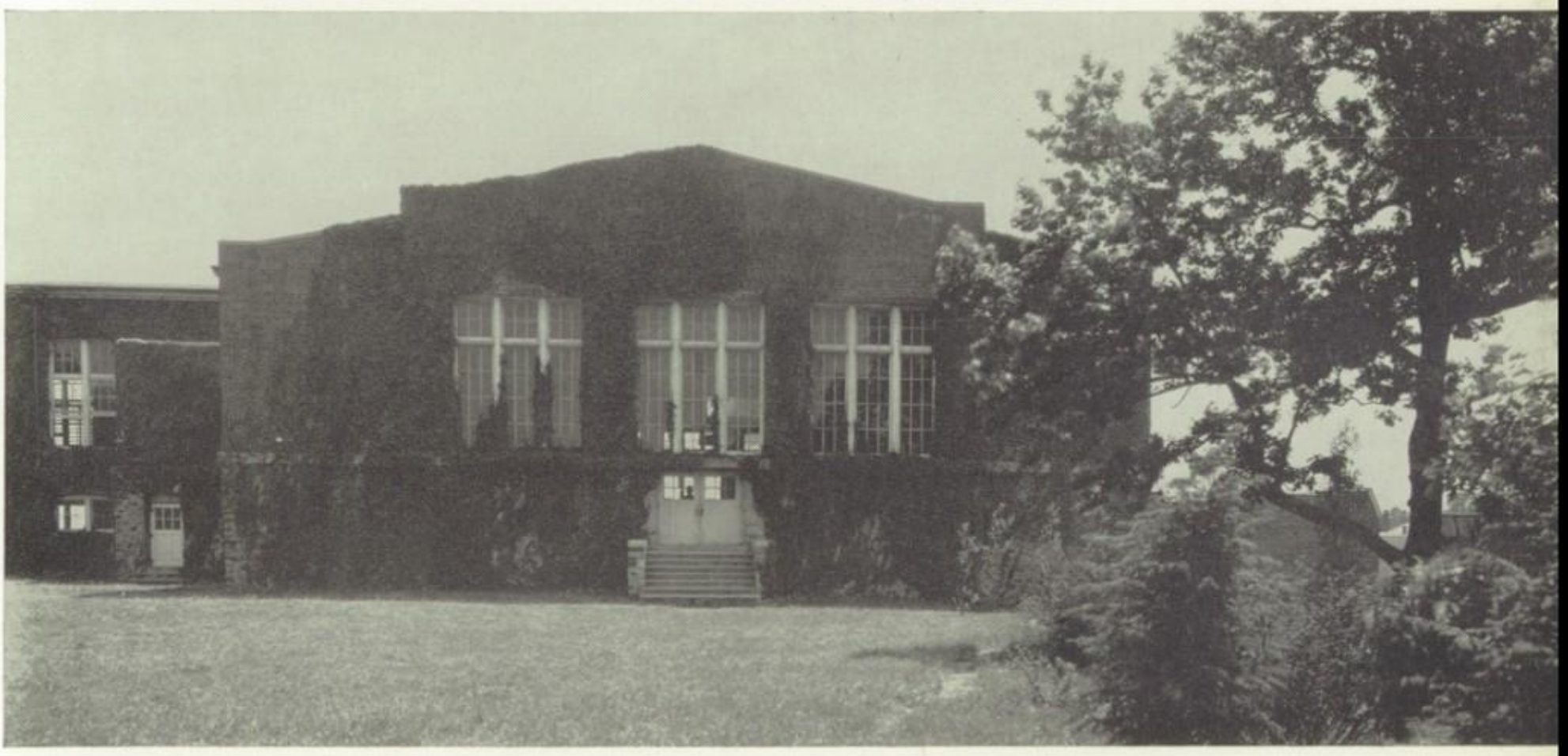
That which I see not, teach thou me

Apply thine heart unto instruction

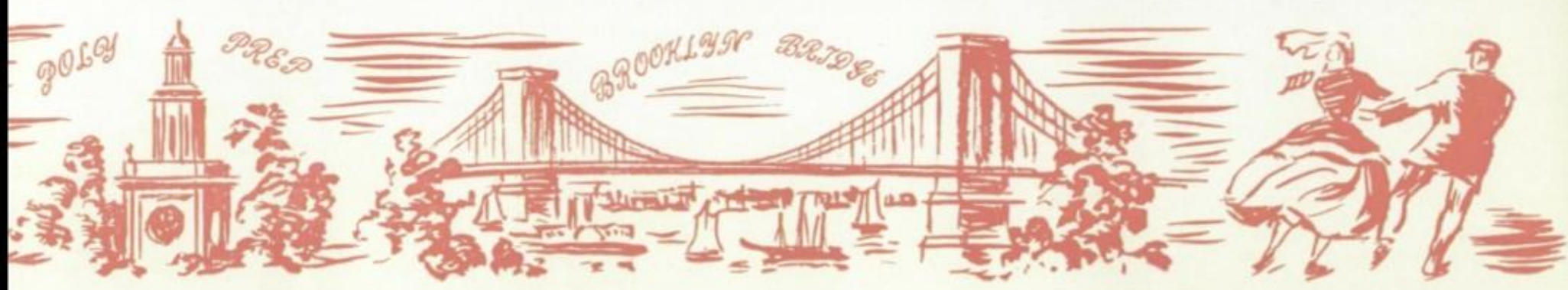
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk



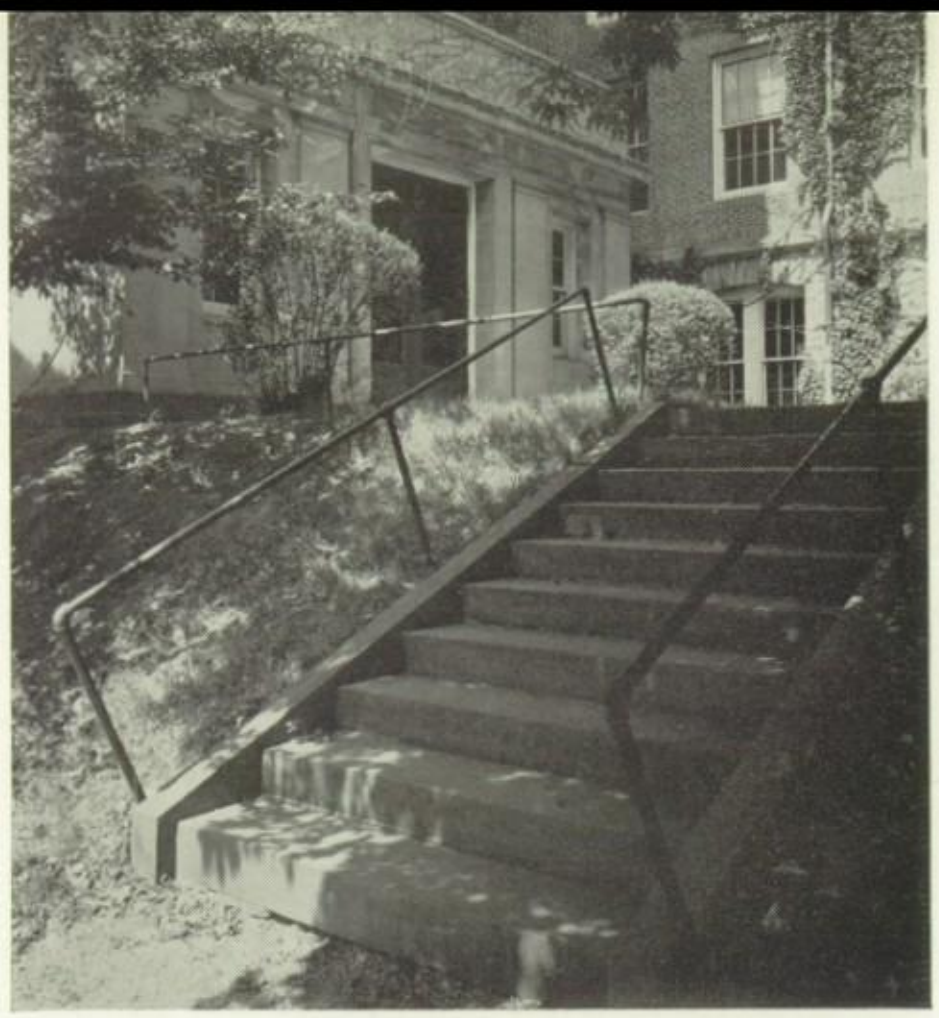
That we may prove what
is that good and acceptable
and perfect will of God



Knowest thou the excellent joys of youth,
joy of the wide-breathed games



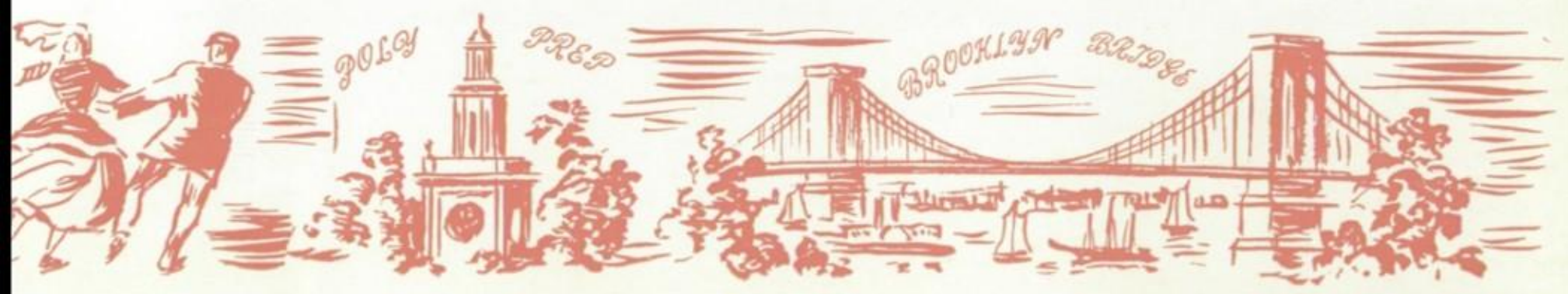
Thou wilt show me the path of life



To do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God

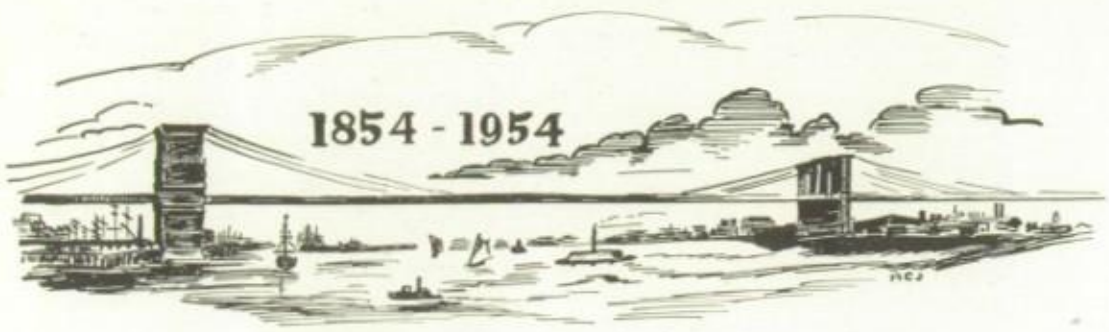
Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful,
we must have it in us or find it not

Show me thy ways, teach me thy paths



You, America, Cast you the real reckoning for your present? The lights and shadows of your future? To boyhood look, the teacher and the school

Faculty



Through the Years . . .

First Annual Catalogue, June, 1856:

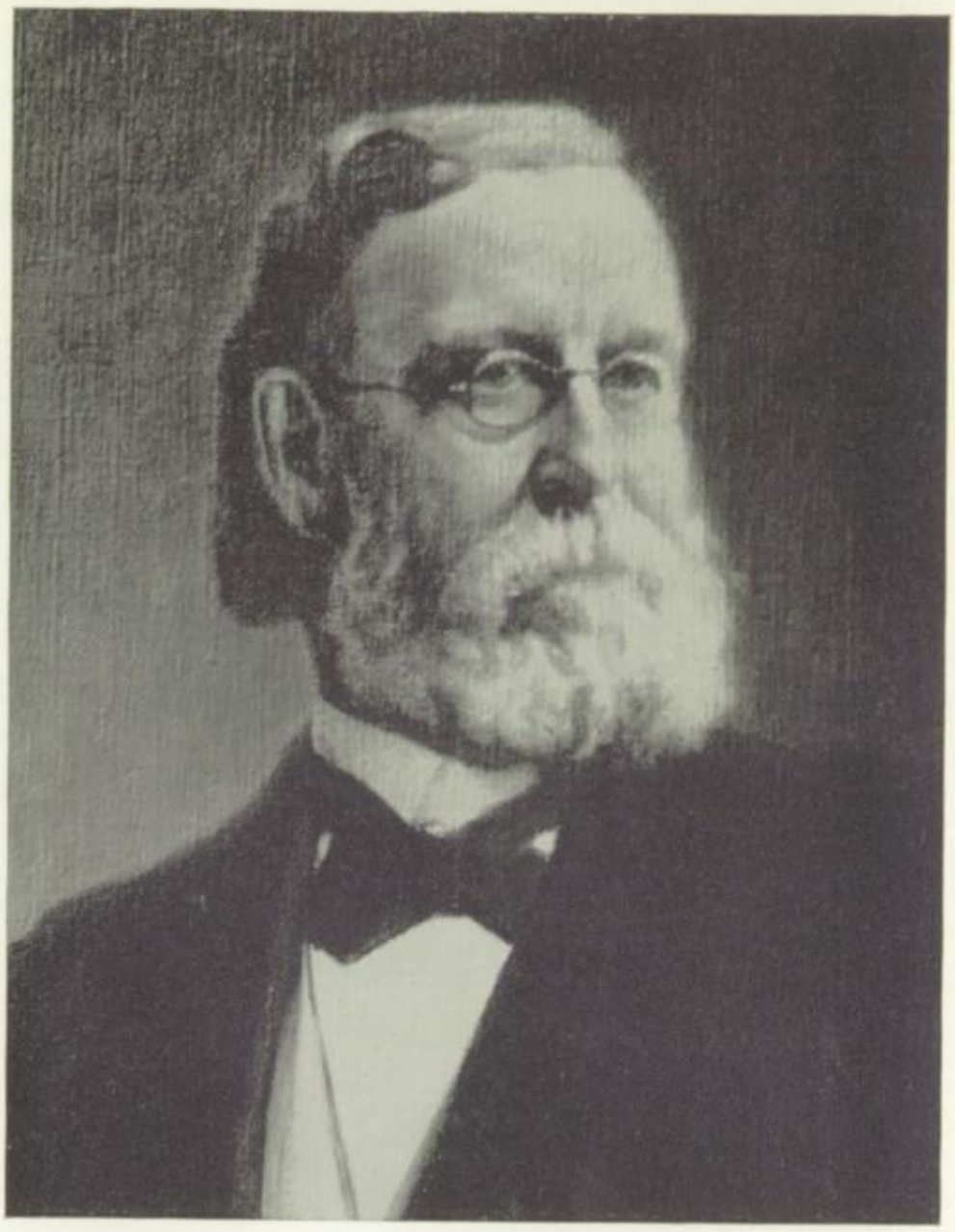
*"**A full corps** of Professors and assistants have been appointed to the chairs of instruction: gentlemen selected by the Trustees with a single reference to their professional qualifications, and believed to be thoroughly competent, as well as conscientious and earnest in the discharge of their duties.*

*"**To insure order,** punctuality and diligence, reliance is placed chiefly on moral means. A parental supervision is exercised by the President, the Principal in the Academic Department; and all honorable motives are constantly appealed to for the correction of evil habits, and the development of a virtuous and manly character.*

*"**Corporal punishment** will be resorted to only when the Faculty are satisfied that the best interests of both the delinquent and the Institute require its use." (Altered in 1859 to penalties of "public admonition, suspension, private dismissal, and expulsion.")*

***W. Augustus White,** one of the original 257 students to enter the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute September 10, 1855, wrote of the new attitude toward discipline, "The previous year I had been at Dr. Dwight's School on Livingston Street near Sidney Place. At Dwight's school discipline was maintained by corporal punishment, which was inflicted in a small room adjacent to the main study room, where the wails of the victims could serve as a warning to the rest of the school. Poly depended on the personal influence of the teachers, on their power of attaching the pupils to themselves, and inspiring them with interest in their studies."*

Dr. Dwight was known for his long, lithe bamboo stick, tipped with a button for thumping the crania of inattentive or mischievous pupils. He had a trick of seizing offending youth by the hair, gently twitching it at first, and inquiring if the process hurt. Repeating with increasing force until tears of agony stood in the victim's eyes, he would assure the culprit that the teacher was a greater sufferer from the high crimes committed by those under his charge.



DR. JOHN H. RAYMOND

First president of the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute

Graduate of University of Rochester
Later first president of Vassar College

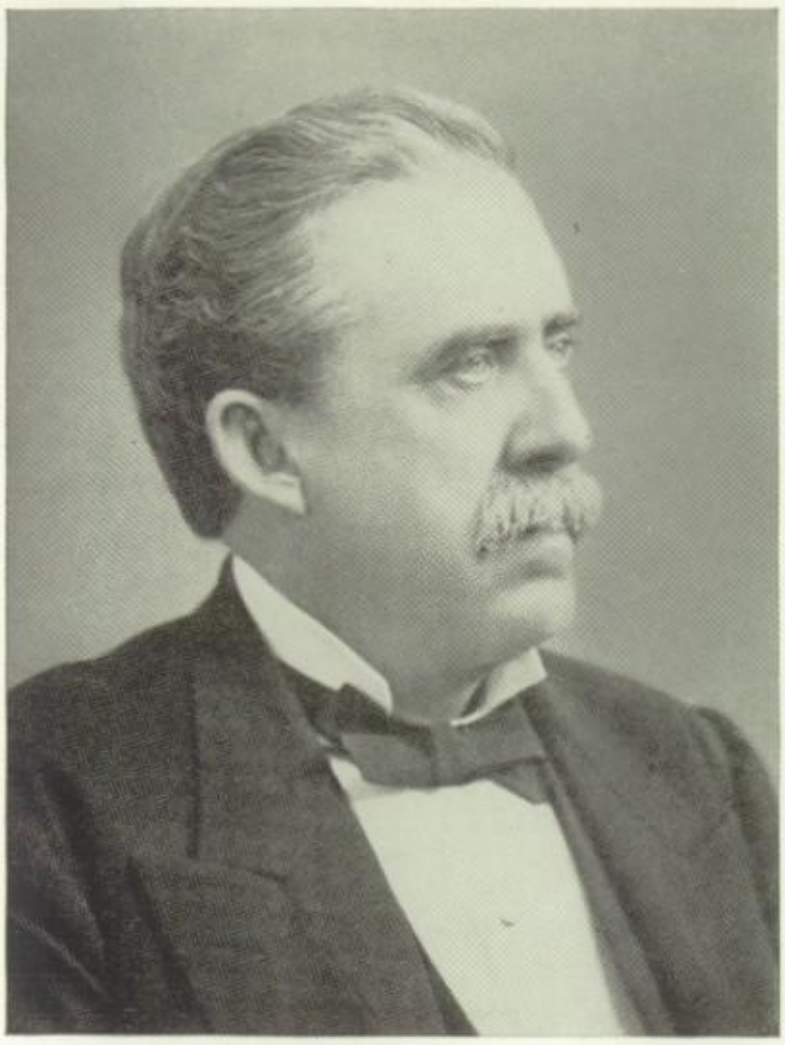
Presidents of the Corporation

JOHN H. RAYMOND, LL.D.	1855-1865
DAVID H. COCHRAN, Ph.D., LL.D.	1865-1899
HENRY S. SNOW, LL.D.	1900-1904
WILLIAM H. NICHOLS, Sc.D., LL.D.	1905
FRED W. ATKINSON, Ph.D.	1906-

Principals of the Academic Department

Headmasters of Poly Prep

EDWARD COE SEYMOUR, A.M.	1856-1869; 1874-1897
EDWARD P. NICHOLS, A.M.	1869-1874
ERWIN S. SPINK, A.B. (Acting)	1897-1899
LAWRENCE CAMERON HULL, A.M.	1899-1902
FRANCIS RANSOME LANE, A.M., M.D.	1902-1906; 1912-1917
ALVIN E. DUERR, A.B.	1906-1912
JOSEPH DANA ALLEN, A.B., A.M., Litt.D.	1917-1949
J. FOLWELL SCULL JR., B.S., M.S.	1949-

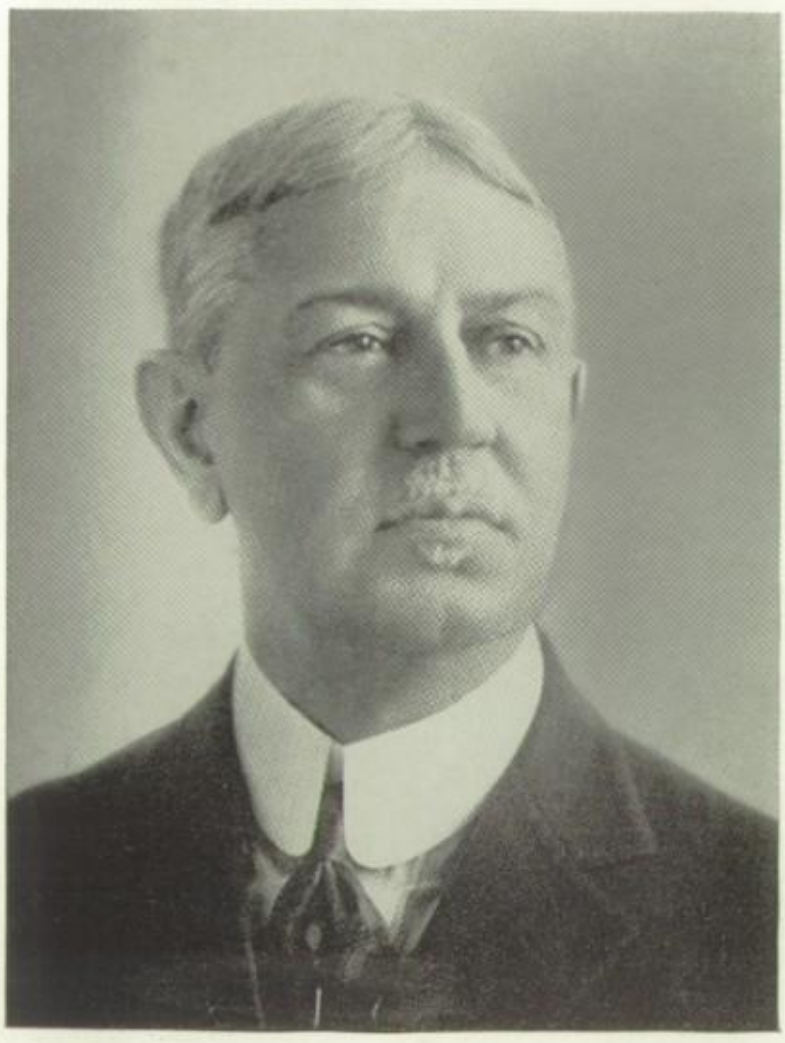


LAWRENCE CAMERON HULL

Reorganized school by classes, advocated recognition of sports, established a reading room in the library, brought many distinguished visitors for addresses, required public speaking in upper forms.

EDWARD COE SEYMOUR

"His work endures in lives made better by his precept and example."



FRANCIS RANSOME LANE

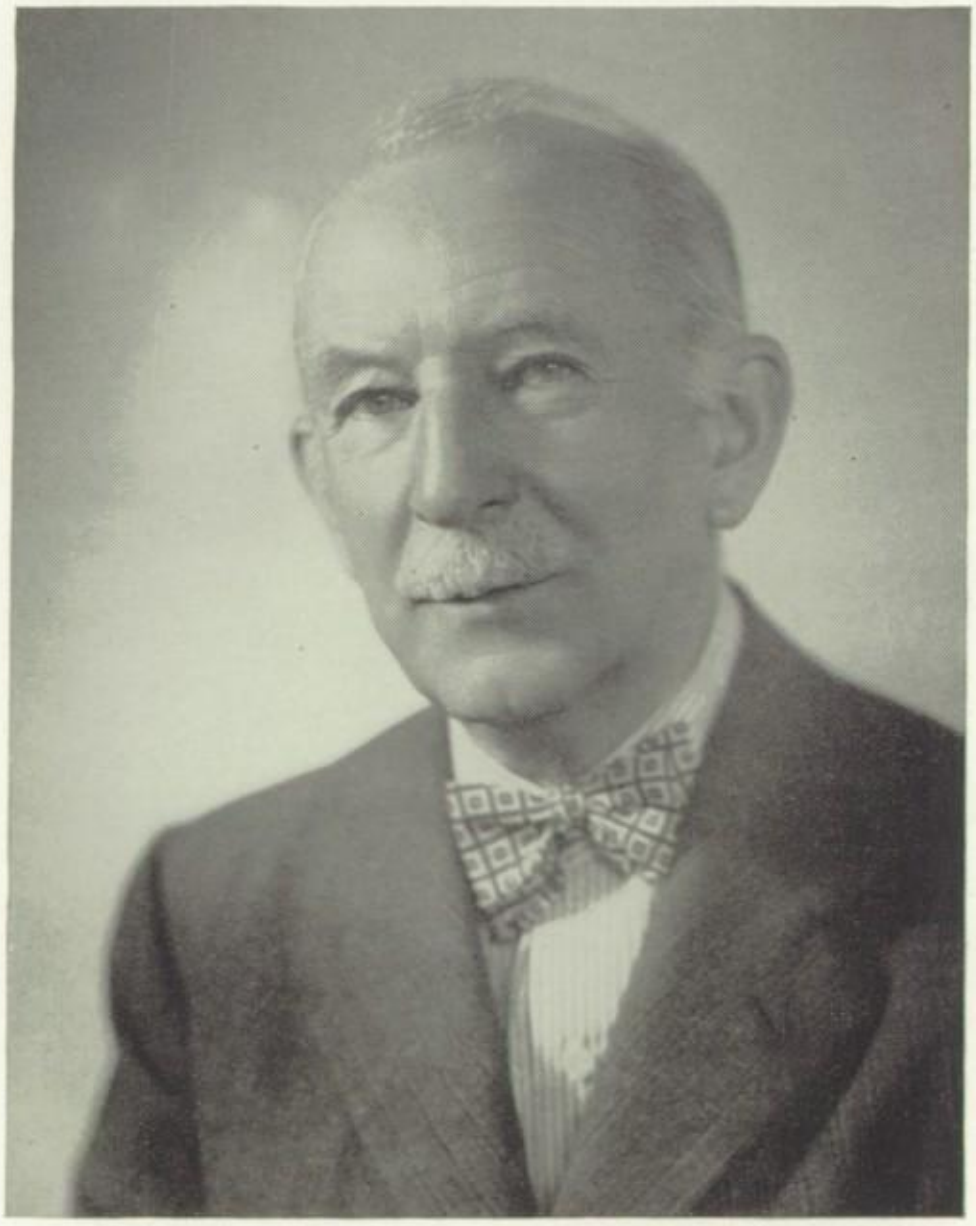
"Holding constantly before us the highest ideal of manhood, of scholarship, and of conduct." He advocated and planned the separation of School from Institute.

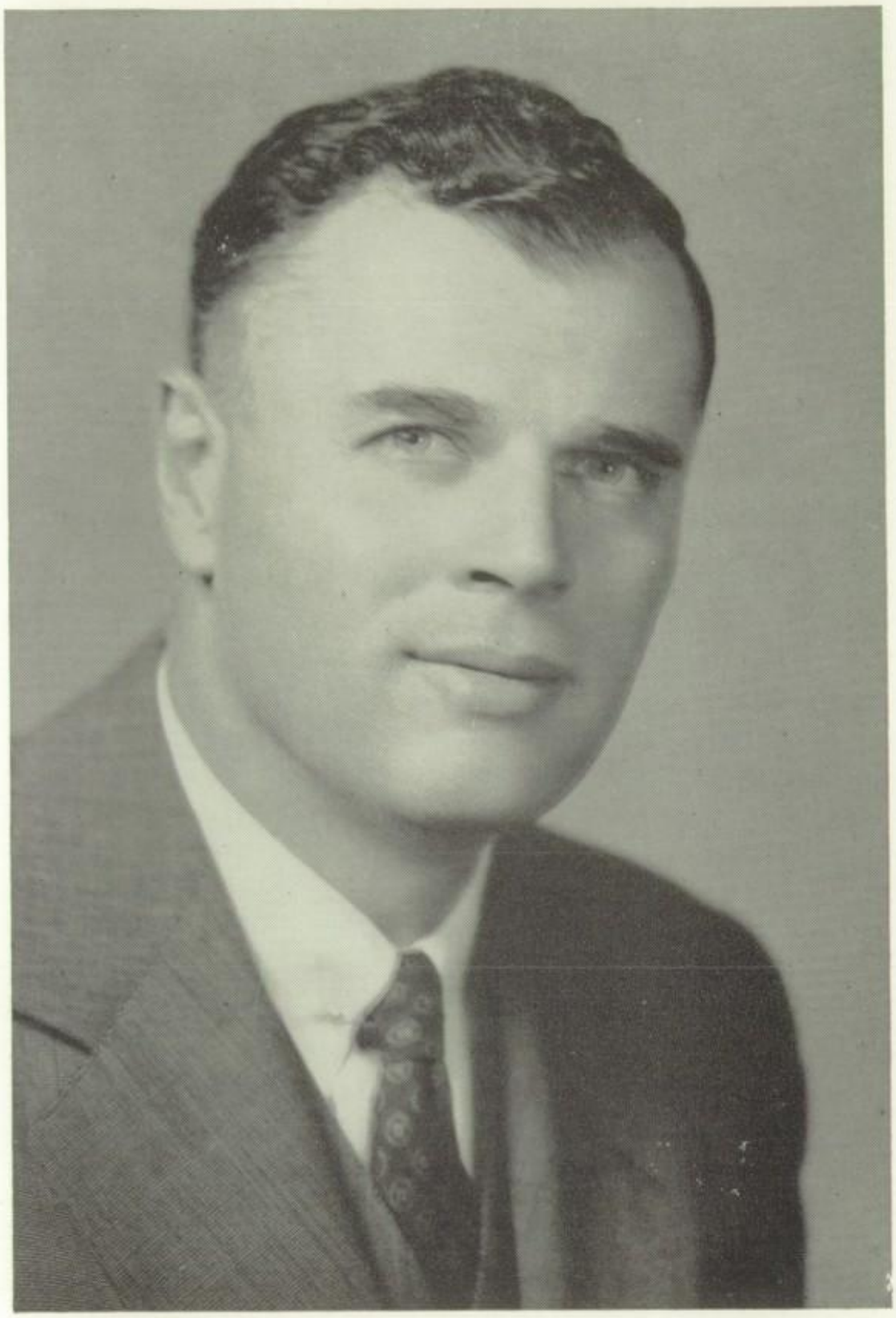
POLY PREP FACULTY—1916

Back—Maier, Swenson, Mitchell, Kearsing, C. J. Allen, Tuttle, Tilley, Stuckley. *Middle*—Pope, Golden, Van Vleck, Lane, Darrow, Sperry. *Front*—Hawes, Cuningham, Scoboria, Keller, Jung, Buschek, Carteaux.

JOSEPH DANA ALLEN

Cultured, scholarly educator, who established and guided the country day school with wisdom and with inspiring influence on young men.





J. FOLWELL SCULL JR.

Headmaster

B.S., M.S. (University of Pennsylvania)

To Poly 1949 after serving as headmaster at Abington Friends and Scranton Country Day School. Assistant headmaster at Friends Central School. Served in the Navy in World War II as Lieutenant Commander in the Pacific, Atlantic, and Mediterranean theatres. Officer in charge Naval Academy Preparatory School. Actively interested in fishing and sports.

GEORGE W. VAN VLECK

Head of History Department

B.S. (Colgate); Pd.M., A.M. (New York University); Ph.D. (Columbia); Director Poly Summer School; Adviser Public Speaking Club; Secretary Cum Laude; Red Cross Representative

Came to Poly 1910. Has been faculty adviser of soccer and lacrosse. Author of *The Panic of 1857*. Active in church, Y. M. C. A., and Red Cross. His hobby is farming.

J. WESLEY CUNINGHAM

Assistant Headmaster
Head of Mathematics Department

B.S., M.S. (Syracuse); Chairman, Treasurer Athletic Committee

At Poly since 1911. At various times adviser of tennis, rifle, wrestling, and for thirty-five years adviser of football. Author of Cuningham's *Plane Geometry* and of *Solid Geometry*. For fifteen years chairman of Brooklyn Training Commission of Boy Scouts of America and for many years on the Executive Board. Served for five years on Selective Service Board. Interested in tennis, hunting, building.

CHARLES S. MITCHELL

Head of English Department

A.B. (Brown); Adviser *Polygon;* Adviser Golf

At Poly since 1913 after teaching at Peddie. Author of *College Entrance English* and *Essentials in English*. Former adviser of *Poly Prep* magazine. Founder of the *Polygon*. Secretary Private School Division of Columbia Press Association. Has coached swimming, basketball, baseball, J. V. football. Started a school golf team.

HERBERT F. BOHNET

Mathematics

A.B. (Williams); Coach Baseball, Swimming; Adviser Football, Baseball, Swimming

Graduate of Poly, 1907. At Poly since 1917 after teaching at Kentucky Military Institute and at Pingry. Former coach of football. Author of *Plane Geometry*. For several years in summer camp work. His hobby is golf.

RUSSELL C. MILLER

Mathematics

A.B. (Lafayette); Senior Form Officer

At Poly since 1917 after teaching at Fisk University. Has also taught in summer camp. Finds interest in interior decorating and golf, and is accomplished gardener in New Jersey.

FRANK R. HANCOCK

Head of Music Department

A.B. (Harvard)

At Poly since 1917 after teaching at Hotchkiss. Has also taught French. Active in summer choir, choral work, and Bible studies with young people. In World War I served on Training Camp Activities Commission as song leader. Hobby is model railroads.

WALTER B. CLARK

English

A.B., A.M. (Harvard); Fifth Form Officer; Adviser POLYGLOT

At Poly 1919 after teaching at Lake Placid School and Syracuse University. Wrote *Guide to Boston,* also *Questions in Literature.* Has taught Greek, Latin, French and coached dramatics. Two years in the Army, overseas with four battle stars, and in reserve over twenty years. Major, Inf. Enjoys piano, wood working, travel, mountain climbing, and gardening in Connecticut.

HORACE N. WILCOX

Head of Latin Department

B.A. (Wyoming); B.A., M.A. (Oxon.); Rhodes Scholar; Fourth Form Officer

At Poly since 1922. For several years coached tennis. Has traveled extensively—South Seas, Australia, New Zealand. In World War I secret code work U. S. Signal Corps, in G. H. Q., London. His hobby is a farm in Vermont.

RALPH R. WESTFALL

History

B.S. (Colgate); Coach Basketball; Secretary Ivy Prep School League

At Poly 1923 after teaching at Babylon High, Big Horn High (Wyoming), Golden High (Colorado). Has coached J. V. football, baseball. Author of *Outline of Ancient History for Secondary Schools.* Served in Marine Corps in World War I in Cuba, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Japan, Guam, Siberia. For three years ranched on his homestead in Wyoming.

FRANK J. EXLINE

Social Studies

B.S. (Harvard); Director Public Relations

At Poly 1923. Has taught English, coached soccer. In World War I was in Army S. A. T. C. Active in American Economic Foundation. Interested and experienced in farming in South Dakota and Vermont.

RICHARD M. GOLDING

French

B.S. (Harvard); Coach Rifle; Adviser Oasis

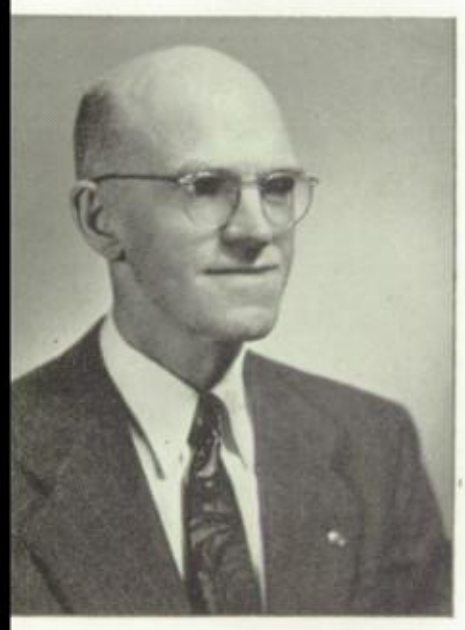
At Poly since 1924 after teaching at St. James School, Md. Served overseas in Army in World War I, also served overseas two years as Red Cross Field Director in World War II.

ROBERT G. J. DESMÉ

Head of French Department

B.S. (University of Caen); Adviser Camera Club

At Poly 1925 after teaching at Lawrenceville. Served three years in French Army. Experienced in all branches of photography. Is a Fellow Royal Photographic Society. Has prepared largest collection in the world of color slides of France for the French Embassy.



EDWIN NICHOLSON

Head of Science Department
Biology, General Science

B.S. (State College for Teachers); M.A., Ph.D. (Columbia); Third Form Officer

At Poly 1927 after teaching at Poughkeepsie High School. Author of *Education and the Boy Scout Movement* as well as science article for Weedon's *Encyclopedia*. Former director of Camp Manhattan for Boy Scouts. Interested in public speaking and camping. Is a skilled craftsman and has built a house at Lake George.

EARLE J. CONOVER

Mathematics

Ph.B., M.A. (Lafayette); Adviser Second Form Chess and Puzzle Clubs

At Poly 1929 after several years teaching at Summit Academy, N. J., Lawrence School, Easton, Pa. Has coached middler sports. Author of *Arithmetic Problems for Review*, also *Exercises in First Year Algebra*. Served in World War I. Hobby is mathematical puzzles.

KENNETH B. LUCAS

Latin, English, First Aid and Physiology

A.B. (Harvard); M.A. (Columbia); Adviser Varsity Club

Graduate of Poly 1919. At Poly since 1929 after teaching at North Tarrytown High and the Harvey School. Has coached J. V. baseball and I. V. football teams. Athletic director for several years. Likes bicycle riding, travel, and gardening.

WILLIAM H. EAGLESON JR.

Chemistry, Biology

A.B. (Union); M.A. (Columbia); Coach Lacrosse

Graduate of Poly 1925. At Poly since 1930. Has coached hockey, fencing, squash, rifle, and football. Has also taught English, general science, German, Spanish. He worked for War Manpower Commission World War II. For a hobby he likes to cook.

MYRON RUCKSTULL

Assistant to Physical Director

Ph.B. (Brown); Coach J. V. Football; J. V. Baseball; J. V. Basketball

Graduated from Poly 1923. Teaching and coaching at Poly since 1931 after a few years playing professional baseball. Has acted in summer stock. Enjoys art, music, and the theatre.

MILES M. KASTENDIECK

English

A.B., Mus.B., Ph.D. (Yale); Assistant Adviser *Polygon;* Adviser Track; President Cum Laude

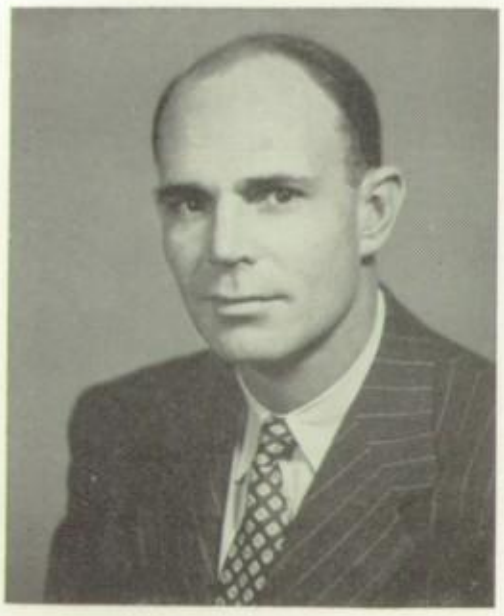
Graduate of Poly 1923. At Poly since 1932. Has helped coach track. Author of *Thomas Campion, England's Musical Poet,* and *Story of Poly.* Formerly music critic of Brooklyn *Eagle,* and at present critic for *Journal-American.* Lectures at Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

FREDERICK B. TUTTLE

Chemistry, Physics

A.B. (Williams); Coach Football, Track

Graduate of Poly 1928. To Poly 1935 after teaching at Deerfield. Former coach of hockey. In World War II worked as marine chemist. Active in summer camp and in ship inspection.

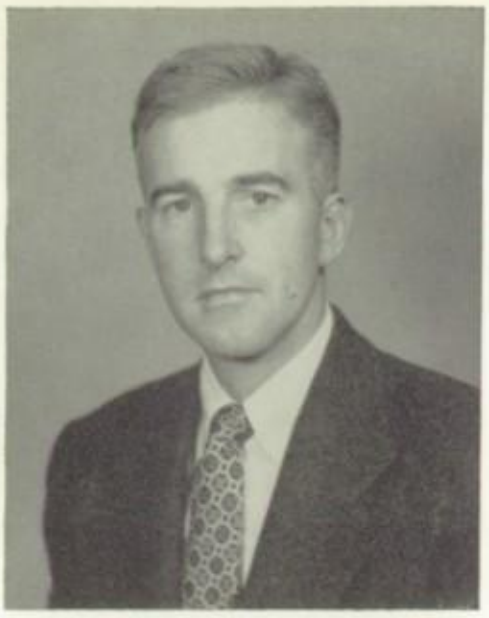


RALPH P. CASE

Head of Spanish Department

A.B. (Bowdoin); M.A. (Columbia); Degré Normal (Sorbonne); Coach of Tennis and J. V. Soccer; Adviser Wrestling; Secretary Athletic Committee

To Poly 1944 after teaching at Edgartown High (Mass.), Tilton, Hill, Kingswood (Conn.), Hotchkiss schools. Enjoys violin, golf, chess, landscaping on Cape Cod.



JOHN A. CARTER

English

A.B. (Harvard); M.A. (George Peabody College for Teachers); Coach Soccer; Assistant Coach Lacrosse; Coordinator of Guidance

To Poly 1946. Served in Field Artillery in Germany in World War II. Holds rank of captain.

HARLOW A. PARKER

Head of Physical Education and Athletics Department

B.S. (Syracuse); M.Ed. (Springfield); Assistant Coach Football, Baseball

To Poly 1947 after student teaching work in Springfield College. Served four years in Air Force in World War II. In European theatre of operations with Ninth Air Force.

ROBERT R. THOMPSON

Social Studies

B.S., M.A. (New York University); Coach Cross Country; Sponsor Middler Current Events Club

To Poly 1948 after teaching in Armstrong County, Pa. Served in World War II in five campaigns in European theatre of operations and in D-Day Invasion with Third Armored Division. Received Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation.

ROBERT V. METZ

Assistant to Physical Director

B.S., M.A. (New York University); Coach Wrestling, J. V. Football, Freshman Football; Assistant Coach Track, Lacrosse

To Poly 1950. Served as midshipman in Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy. His hobby is handicrafts.

ROBERT S. SIMONDS

Latin, Mechanical Drawing

B.A., M.A. (Yale); Coach Dramatic Club

To Poly 1950. Has taught at Hopkins Grammar (Conn.), South Kent, and Berkshire schools. His hobbies are hockey, dramatics, painting, and modeling.

LOWELL F. BARTHOLOMEW

English

B.S. (Wisconsin Teachers College); Ed.M. (Harvard); Coach Middler Soccer

To Poly 1951. Taught at McBurney School and Milwaukee University School. Served four years in Army Intelligence. Active in summer camp. Enjoys fishing and outdoor life.

CHARLES S. GOODWIN

Reading

A.B. (Bowdoin); M.A. (Columbia)

Came to Poly 1951 after teaching Cherry Lawn School (Conn.), Jackson High (Mich.), Shanghai American School (China), Blair Academy. Served as cryptographic security officer in North Africa and Italy in World War II. Enjoys reading and country living.

CARL A. LAMBERT

Assistant to Music Director

A.B., M.A. (Columbia); Director of Glee Club; Organist

To Poly 1951 after teaching at Columbia College, where he was director of Glee Club. Served in the Army in World War II.

JON A. SANDRILLA

Spanish

A.B. (Ohio State University); M.S. (University of Massachusetts); Coach Swimming

To Poly 1953 after teaching at University of Massachusetts, Holyoke High, Canterbury School. Served in World War II as aircraft inspector. His hobby is stamps.

LAWSON J. ROBERTSON

English, Physical Education

B.S., M.S. (University of Pennsylvania)

To Poly 1953. Taught at St. Albans School in Washington. Served in World War II in Corps of Engineers. Photography is his hobby.

MILTON WRIGHT

Fine Arts

B.F.A. (Miami University of Ohio); Académie Julian; School for Art Studies

To Poly 1953. Has exhibited in one-man shows in United States and France. Has classes in Brooklyn Museum.

GILBERT A. STEPHENSON

Music

B.Mu. (Chicago Music College); M.Mu. (Northwestern University)

To Poly 1953. Taught at Chicago Musical College, Chicago School of Music, State Teachers College (Alabama). Enjoys photography and golf.

RUTH GROSVENOR HOPKINS

Librarian

(Fredonia Normal School); (Carnegie Library School)

At Poly since 1923. Head of Young Peoples' Department in libraries in Bridgeport, Conn., Youngstown, Ohio. Organized Young Peoples' Library in Calgary, Alberta. Author of *Library Lessons*. For many years an editor of a widely used annual reading list of books for boys and girls.

EMILY F. ELLIS

Fifth Grade

B.A. (Mt. Holyoke); M.A. (University of Chicago)

To Poly 1946. Has also taught in N. Y. Institute for Education of the Blind; Glenwood School, Short Hills (N. J.), summer session of Hampton Institute. Has written articles in various magazines on elementary education and religious education. Enjoys hiking, camping, mountain climbing.

GERTRUDE K. BOWLER

Head of Lower School
Sixth Grade

B.S. (Columbia)

At Poly since 1928. Also taught at Lawrenceville High and Mary Washington College. Has contributed articles to *Virginia Journal of Education*. Has directed our Christmas plays. Active in Women's Council of N. Y. Public Library, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, English Speaking Union, and on the Speakers Bureau of American Women's Voluntary Services.

FRANCES ALDER

First Form

B.A. (Hunter); M.A. (Columbia)

To Poly 1950. Taught at Stevens Hoboken Academy and Short Hills Country Day School. Has managed a lace factory. Traveled in Europe and lived in Switzerland. Enjoys theatre, fishing, gardening.

MARIAN W. O'DONNELL

Sixth Grade

B.S. (Boston University)

To Poly 1953. Has taught in Cortland State Teachers College, Ithaca High, Binghamton High, Syracuse Junior High, Goodyear Burlingham School (Syracuse). In free time she reads or sews.

MARGUERITE R. SHEPHERD

Sixth Grade

B.S. (Kansas State Teachers College); M.S. (Teachers College, Columbia)

To Poly 1953 after teaching in the Principia (St. Louis) and Kansas public schools.

JOAN M. LAMB

Fifth Grade

B.A. (Hunter College); M.A. (New York University)

To Poly 1953 after teaching at Adelphi, Berkeley, St. Francis Community High (Kansas), Roslyn public schools. Served in Red Cross as medical secretary. Has traveled widely in Canada and United States.

GRETCHEN McBLAIR

Arts and Crafts

(Chicago Academy of Fine Arts)

Came to Poly 1952 after teaching at Traphagen School of Design. Has exhibited with American Water Color Society. Author and illustrator of *French Words and Pictures.*

MORRIS W. HENRY

Physician in Charge

M.D. (College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York)

Graduate of Poly 1902. Physician at Poly since 1918. For many years on the staff of St. John's Episcopal Hospital. Enjoys fishing and big game hunting.

LUCY A. LARSEN
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(Eagan Business School)

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(Pratt Institute)

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(Packard Junior College)

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(Founder of Brooklyn's park and boulevard system; and advocate of consolidation of two cities)
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(Highly respected; did much to advance the cause of music in Brooklyn)
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First Board of Trustees of the Country Day School—1918

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Haughton Bell

A Message from the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Bell

"The Trustees are vested with corporate powers and authority. They are responsible for guiding the general policies of the school. The trustees find in its past a rich tradition on which to draw. The true success of the school, however, depends mainly on the ability, the zeal, and the conscientious devotion of the teachers and administrators who spend their lives in carrying on its work."

Alumni Association

Valentine K. Raymond

President ..... VALENTINE K. RAYMOND '15
Vice President ..... JOHN J. ABBERLEY '31
Secretary ..... MILES M. KASTENDIECK '23
Treasurer ..... RAYMOND R. FIERO '20

THE Alumni Association was formed by a small group of enthusiastic students in June, 1901. Receiving the sanction of the school authorities, a public announcement of their aims and purposes was made, invitations were sent out, and a very pleasant and enthusiastic reunion and dinner was held, on the evening of January 3, 1902, at the Argyle.

One of the principal activities of the Alumni Association was the Athletic Field Trust, of which the Association took charge in 1905. Through this organization the Poly Prep athletic field was procured and paid for. Other activities included at various times the Alumni Annual Dinner, the Alumni Trophy, Alumni Day, and the Alumni Show, formerly one of Brooklyn's most important social events, which took place at the Academy of Music. A typical show was "The Poly Follies" of 1922, a two-act revue, in which one of the main characters was "Nell, the Beautiful Bootlegger." The Alumni Association has also played an important part in the Centennial Fund Drive, to be completed next year.

In 1861-65 approximately one hundred Poly alumni fought in the Civil War. In the First World War about five hundred alumni fought, and twenty-two gave their lives. It was to these that the Memorial Chapel, erected in 1925, was dedicated. Twenty-six alumni who lost their lives in the Second World War are named in the POLYGLOT of 1946.

A message from the president of the Alumni Association, Mr. Raymond:

"On behalf of the Alumni Association I wish to pay tribute to members of the faculty, both past and present, whose enthusiasm and devotion characterized by long periods of service on the part of many, have made Poly Prep an outstanding school during the past hundred years.

"The school enters upon the second century of its existence in a greatly enlarged community in which many changes have occurred. The need for an independent secondary school of highest standards is correspondingly greater. If Poly Prep is to meet this need, I feel that increased support will be required from the alumni both individually and collectively."

Now, it's really quite simple

Lots of meat, please

Now, chemistry isn't that hard

Miss Bowler and junior president

Father gets the facts from Mr. Bart

Have you filled out your slips?

Fred with football fan

Gad, I saw it yesterday

Well, he should do better

Can't be thinking about the 'GLOT

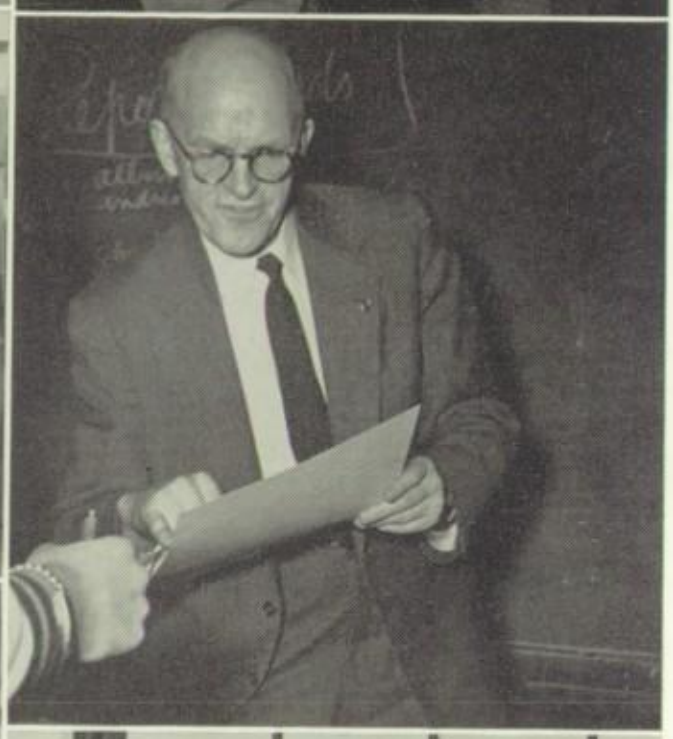
Mrs. Routt ready to help

Mrs. O'Donnell reads to her class

I know he swims and plays
baseball, but . . .

Yahr must have passed

But here you say . . .



Miss Larsen counts the loot

Mr. Bart crushes Graham cracker

"In the good old days"

Caesar would roll over in his grave

He must read more

What a tie!

Doc Nicky pensive

Mr. Eagy loads up

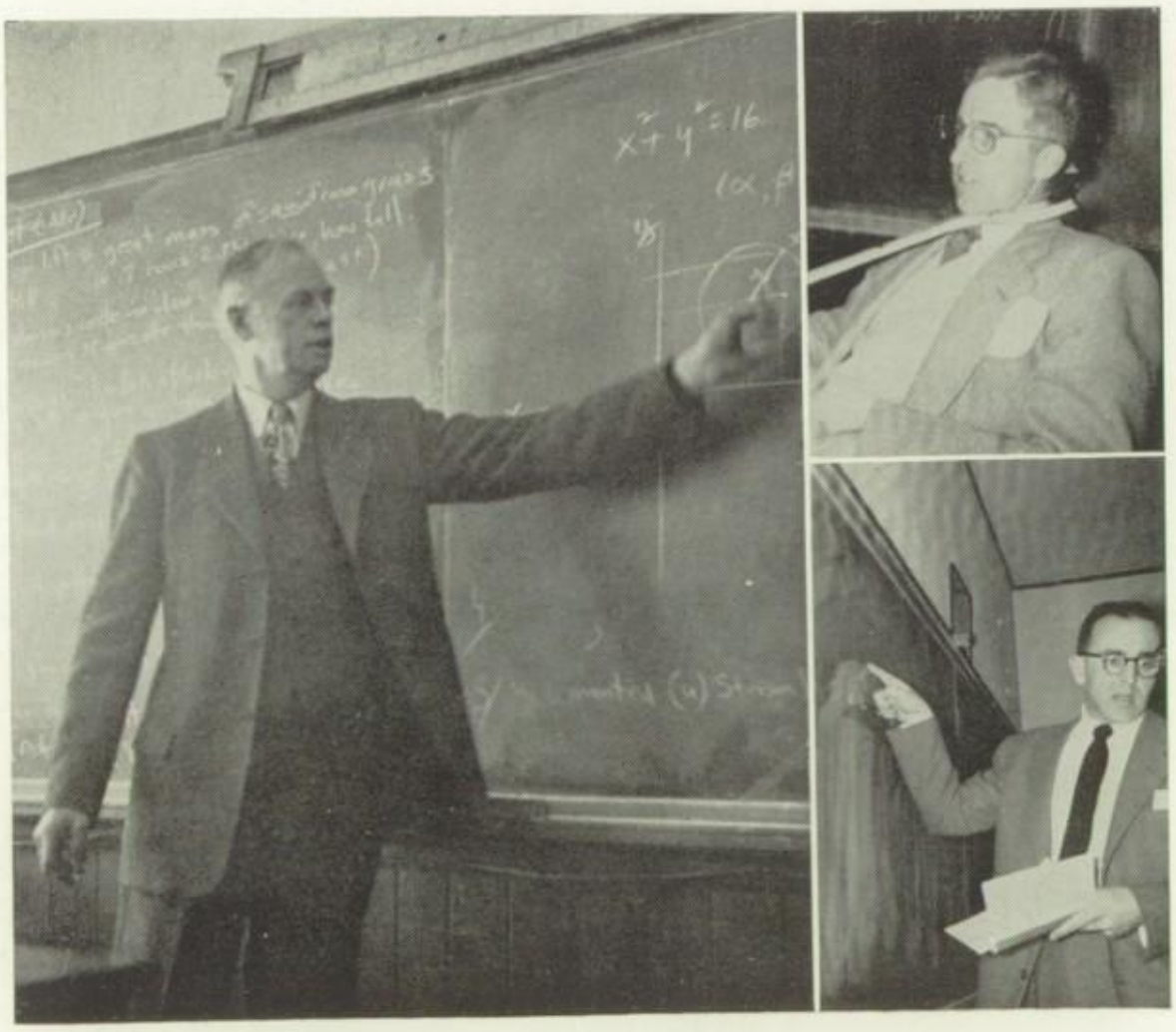
Richard's a fine boy

Mr. Goody and his pet

That's a good question, now answer it

Mr. Carter pinned in

Mr. Robertson makes it clear



Maje deciphers original proof

Virginia smiles

Mrs. Lamb checks the list

Things look bad

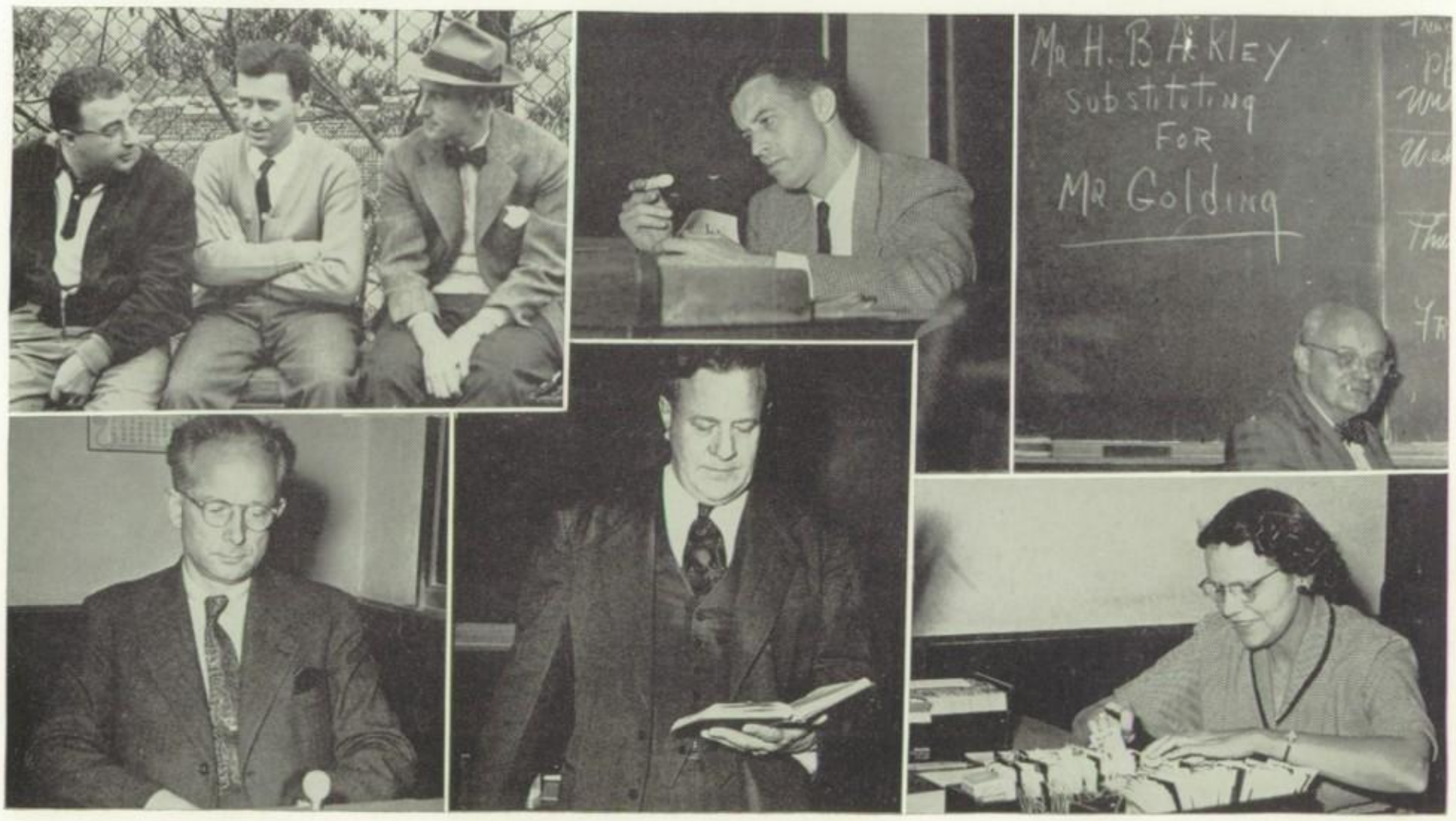
Mr. Desmé balances flashbulb

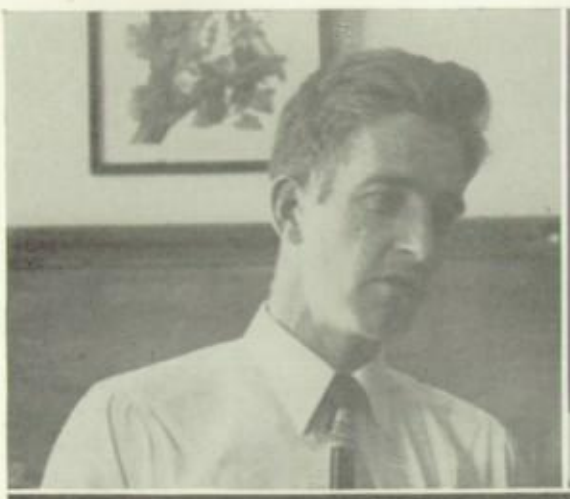
Complicated gadgets

Now Cicero says . . .

Well, well, well—so you're Capricorn

Mrs. Exline loves her work





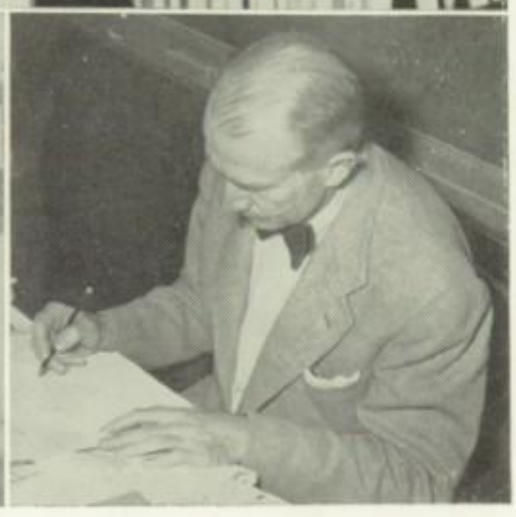
Mr. Carter exasperated

Not another blue slip

Mr. Clark clears desk

Feinstein thinks wrestling funny

Bruno covers for Mr. T.



Mr. Lucas prepares chapel program

Now in a 3, 4, 5 triangle

Doc Van inspired

Mr. Conover in a good mood

Mr. Golding corrects another "100"

Mr. Bell explains

Mr. Desmé imitates Eartha Kitt

Headmaster emeritus and father

Mr. T's boys came through

Teachers look pretty glum

Norman tries to explain

Progress is the law of life: Man is not man as yet; We have chosen our path to a clear-purposed goal

Seniors

Through the Years

A class of W. H. Bergen, Rossiter W. Raymond, A. J. Todd, G. R. White, John Wilkinson in 1858 constituted the first senior collegiate class of the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute. Subsequent classes increased rapidly in numbers. For over forty years those awarded the diploma had really passed beyond academic grades; many who were well prepared for entrance to other colleges received only certificates.

***Graduating exercises** included orations on such stimulating subjects as: Perfection of the Race, Power of Memory, The People of France, What Constitutes a Criminal, The Music of Nature and of Art, The Sphere of Hellenism, Climate and Character.*

***With the encouragement** of Principal Hull the seniors organized for the first time in the history of the school at a class meeting in the chapel October 30, 1900. Mr. Hull outlined his views regarding the class—"The greatest class Poly Prep has ever produced." The* Poly Prep *magazine records this as "a great year—traced to one cause—our new principal." As a part of the senior organization steps were taken to plan for a senior hop.*

In the diary of a member of the class of '04 we read:

February 9, 1904 *"This afternoon went to the Debating Society for election of officers. After that, to meeting of the* Poly Prep *board to elect the editors of the POLYGLOT. I was elected advertising manager, the hardest job of the lot. Then went to the darkroom and saw some radium, the newly discovered metal. It was only a tiny luminous mass because it's very expensive. Then to gym to see the class basketball team.*

March 4, 1904 *"After supper I went to the Clermont Avenue skating rink and saw Poly beat High School in a beautiful game, 2-0. Very hoarse coming home.*

SENIORS OF '87

DRAMATICS
IN
1902

May 6 "A Junior was thrown out of our senior room this morning, and presently he swarmed down with half his class, and we had a bully roughhouse, which Mr. Golden stopped."

***During the principalship** of Mr. Duerr, senior privileges were increased, and an honor system was tried. The prestige of the seniors was enhanced with the organization of the Oasis, members of which gained a sense of responsibility.*

***In 1909** and subsequent years the senior class showed further increase of class spirit with a dinner held a few days before commencement.*

***The greatest single contribution** to the school by the senior class has since 1901 been the publishing of the yearbook. The first POLYGLOT started modestly in 1900 with a paperbound edition of 24 pages. For thirty years the POLYGLOT was guided by the gentle and revered William E. Golden.*

CLASS
OF
1902

Class of 1954

AS we, the class of 1954, about to enter the ranks of alumni, look back upon the last few years, we begin to realize what Poly has given us: a foundation for our future, the molding of our character, and a sense of sportsmanship. In deepest appreciation for what our school has given us, the class of 1954 dedicates this centennial yearbook to POLY PREP.

As alumni we shall feel as close toward Poly as we have as students. Those intangible things which we have gained will be evidenced throughout our lives. Our feeling of appreciation toward our masters will grow into a feeling of debt for their help and understanding.

We sincerely believe that the vast athletic facilities we have had available to us and the large extra-curricular program have helped to turn out a better rounded boy. They have also been contributing factors which allow every member of the class of 1954 honestly to say that his years at Poly have been the most enjoyable of his life.

Next fall we shall enter college with confidence in the knowledge that we have been well prepared for both the distant and immediate future.

Steve Ducker

Class Officers

President ..... STEVEN DUCKER

Vice President ..... LESLIE SILVERSTEIN

Secretary ..... JOEL GREELEY

Treasurer ..... BYRON SCHRIVER

President Oasis ..... THOMAS SCHOENEMANN

Co-Editors-in-Chief POLYGLOT ..... THOMAS BOND, DUNHAM SHERER

Editor-in-Chief POLYGON ..... FRED WERNER

President Varsity Club ..... PETER BERMAS

School Blue Leader ..... VINCENT AIELLO

School Gray Leader ..... JOEL GREELEY

Class Blue Leader ..... PAUL KLOTZ

Class Gray Leader ..... LESLIE SILVERSTEIN

VINCENT MICHAEL AIELLO

Winner P.P.

Vinnie . . . great athlete deprived of his element . . . football scout . . . willing to listen . . . uncomplaining . . . you mean me, or my brother? . . . inspirational leader.

Entered Poly 1950

Business

Captain Football Team 4; Football Team 2, 3, 4; Winner Princeton Cup 2; School Blue Leader 4; Form Blue Leader 3; J. V. Baseball 1, 2; J. V. Basketball 1, 2; Winner 220-Yard Dash 2, Novice 100-Yard Dash 2; Runner-up Wrestling Tournament 2; Glee Club 3, 4.

IRA HAROLD AMES

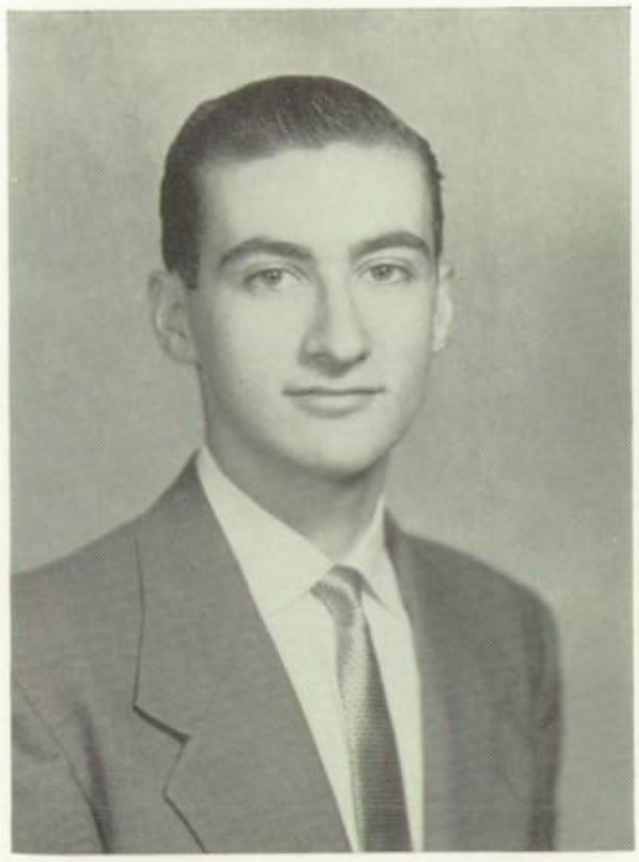
Cum Laude; Winner P.P.

Ira . . . control pitcher . . . studious and reliable . . . distance swimming . . . he *has* to play touch football; he owns the ball . . . striped Princeton ties.

Entered Poly 1947

Engineering

Sports Editor POLYGLOT 4; Swimming Team 3, 4; Baseball Squad 3, J. V. 2; Year Honor Roll 3, Semester 2, 4; Color Guard 4; Year Attendance Honor Roll 3; Current Events Club 3; Chess Club 3.



NORMAN JOHN NEWHALL BARNETT

Cum Laude; Winner P.P.

Rapid fire Norm . . . with two "t's" . . . leads the football tools . . . but, Fred . . . the indefatigable worker.

Entered Poly 1950

Medicine

Managing Editor POLYGLOT 4; J. V. Baseball 3; Manager Football Team 4; Year Honor Roll 2, 3, Semester 4; Baird Latin Contest Team 2; President Current Events Club 3; Public Speaking Club 2, 4; Chess Club 2, 3.

PETER ISAAC BERMAS

Oasis; Winner P.P.

Berm-Berm . . . bullies the teachers . . . swims on his back because he likes to see where he's been . . . the *'Gon* must come out . . . subdued but an outstanding athlete.

Entered Poly 1949

Liberal Arts

Secretary Oasis 4; Varsity Club 3, 4 (President 4); Swimming Team 2, 3, J. V. 1; Soccer Team 3, 4; Lacrosse Team 2, 3, J. V. 1; Form Color Leader 3; Managing Editor *Polygon* 4; Year Honor Roll 1; Dramatic Club 2, 3; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

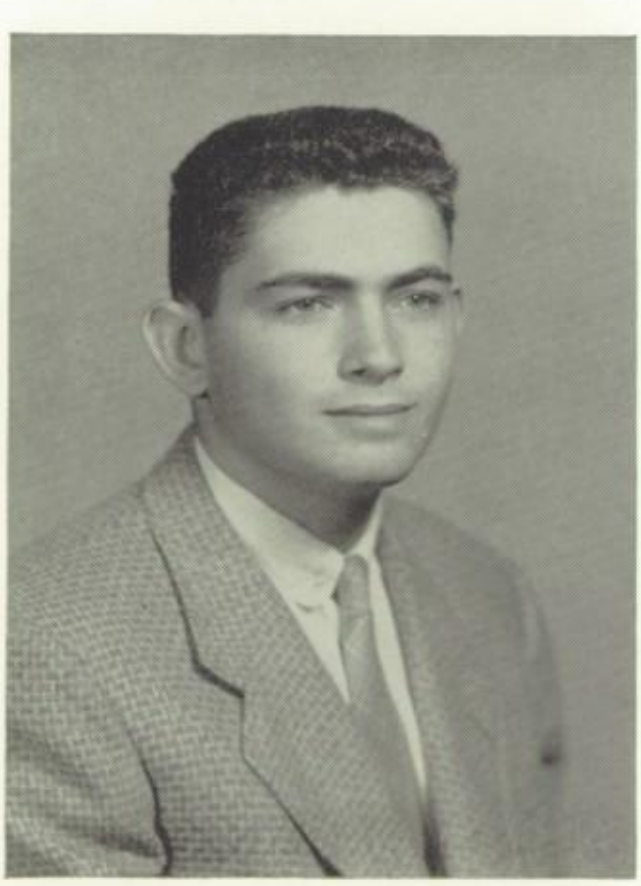
STANLEY MAURICE BOGEN

Max . . . monopolies and cartels . . . utility baseball man . . . Manhattan Beach boy . . . ever-gracious . . . chess man . . . partisan politics.

Entered Poly 1952

Liberal Arts

Advertising Manager POLYGLOT 4; J. V. Baseball 3; Form Winner *Time* Test 3; Vice President Current Events Club 3; Year Attendance Honor Roll 3; Chess Club 3.



FREDERICK THOMAS BOND

Cum Laude; Oasis; Winner P.P.

Tom . . . responsibility and efficiency . . . let's do this for Fred . . . revolt against fancy clothes . . . leader or listener in any bull session . . . Florida and fishing.

Entered Poly 1947

Chemistry

Co-Captain Football Team 4; Co-Editor-in-Chief POLYGLOT 4; Secretary Class 2, 3; Football Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Board Track Team 4, Squad 3, J. V. 2; Track Squad 3, J. V. 2; Medalist 300-Yard Novice 3, Cardinal Hayes Meet 4; Winner Track Meet 440-Yard Run 3, 880-Yard Run 3; Washington's Birthday Speech 4; *'Gon* Heelers 2; Chess Club 3; Current Events Club 3; Public Speaking Club 4; Year Attendance Honor Roll 1, 3; Semester Honor Roll 4.

RICHARD SCOTT BRODIE

Winner P.P.

Dick . . . gets a kick out of soccer . . . but, Doctor, it's perfectly legible . . . it's too cold running track in winter . . . subdued charm . . . what's Karten want with me?

Entered Poly 1947

Liberal Arts

Soccer Team 4, J. V. 3; Manager Tennis 4; News Editor *Polygon* 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Polytones 4; Camera Club 1; Current Events Club 3; Public Speaking Club 2.

JOHN FRANK BRUNO

Winner P.P.

Jawn . . . affable . . . gray suit, red vest, dark glasses . . . dangerous when bowling . . . Doesn't someone care what happened to the cross country team . . . watch this one . . . what'ya mean, I can't draw . . . menace in chem lab . . . the half is my race.

Entered Poly 1950

Dentistry

Captain Cross Country 4; Cross Country Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Board Track Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Track Team 3, Squad 2; Medalist Brooklyn College Track Meet 3; Winner Board Track Novice Mile 3; Dramatic Club 3; Art Contributor POLYGLOT 3, 4; Current Events Club 2; Public Speaking Club 2.

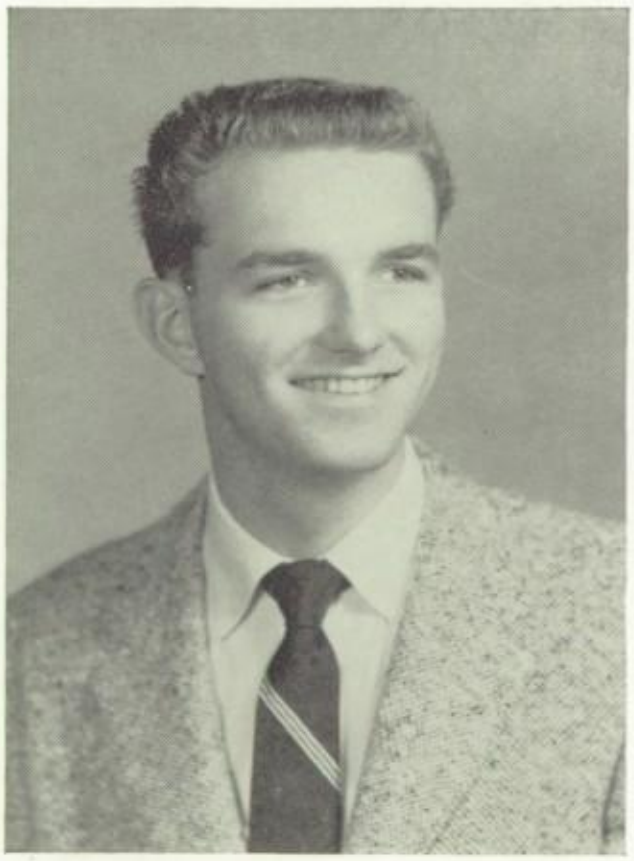
GEORGE DONALD BRYANT

Don . . . tall man, short haircut . . . two-tone green Mercury . . . swing and sway . . . big man in eco class . . . loud shirts and thin belts . . . meticulous in everything.

Entered Poly 1948

Business

Year Attendance Honor Roll 2; Glee Club 4; Chess Club 3; *'Gon* Heelers 2.



VITO EDWARD CASELNOVA

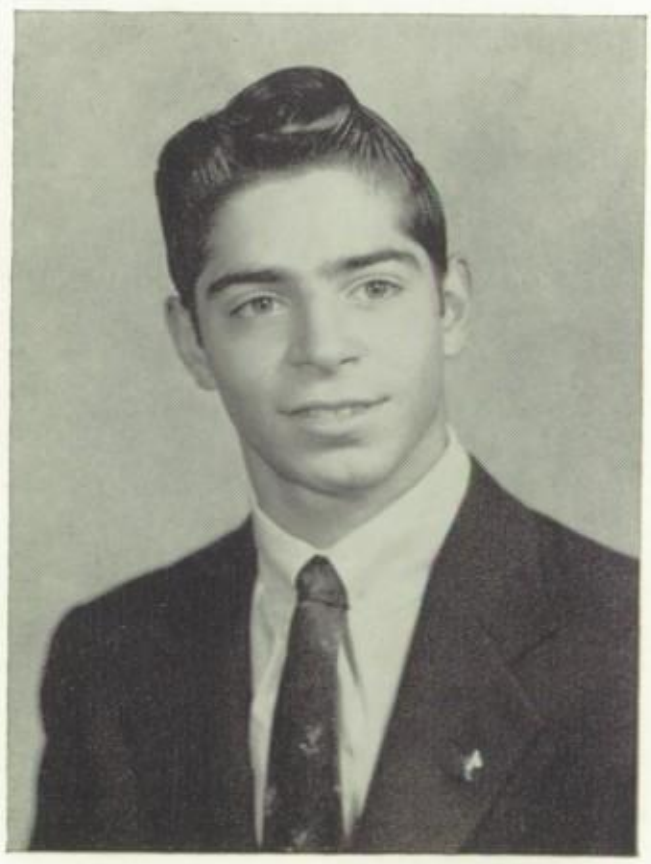
Oasis; Winner P.P.

Eddie . . . soccer chieftain . . . ace on the links . . . sunny disposition . . . the rock . . . Marilyn Monroe . . . avid Yankee fan . . . first seat in Spanish . . . winter at the N. Y. A. C. . . . flashy clothes . . . Connecticut socialite.

Entered Poly 1946

Medicine

President Class 1; Advertising Manager POLYGLOT 4; Captain Soccer Team 4; Soccer Team 3, 4, Squad 2; Golf Team 2, 3; J. V. Track 3; Winner Novice Wrestling Tournament 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4 (Vice President 4); Glee Club 3, 4; Polytones 4; Year Attendance Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.



ANTHONY BARTHOLOMEW CRESCI

Winner P.P.

Tony . . . what'ya mean, it was off on three . . . easy-going with a hearty chuckle . . . big splash in the pool . . . square toe shoes and white bucks . . . backstop.

Entered Poly 1952

Liberal Arts

Football Team 3, 4; Swimming Team 3, 4; Holder School Record 150-Yard Individual Medley; Baseball Squad 3; Life Saving Club 3.

ALAN CAHN DAVIDSON

Winner P.P.

Al . . . urbane but sincere . . . Daniel Boone in a tweed jacket . . . oh, come now, Norman . . . fascinating haircut . . . digging up news for *Polygon.*

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Captain Rifle Team 4; Rifle Team 3, 4, Squad 2; Manager Football Team 4; News Editor *Polygon* 4; *'Gon* Heelers 2; Current Events Club 1, 3.

HAROLD JERRY DAVIS

Oasis; Winner P.P.

Hal . . . curly lox . . . dashing debonair darling of Dyker . . . all this and golf too . . . let's have a locomotive for the cross country team . . . who broke that window? . . . neurotic soccer player.

Entered Poly 1947

Law

Associate Editor POLYGLOT 4; Soccer Team 4, Squad 3; Board Track Squad 2, 3; Golf Team 4, Squad 3; Cheer Leader 3, 4; Gray Nomination Speech 4; Glee Club 3; Year Attendance Honor Roll 2, 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3.

MARTIN DEBROVNER

Big Marty . . . ever obliging . . . gosh, I'm hungry . . . creator of fabulous touch football plays . . . daily ice-cream pops . . . pivot man . . . sleepy eyes.

Entered Poly 1947

Engineering

J. V. Basketball 2; J. V. Soccer 2; Chess Club 3.

KARL EDWARD DJERF

Winner P.P.

Karl . . . leader of the Vikings . . . easy-going . . . little rock . . . friendly . . . all-round athlete . . . why study? . . . bullies everyone.

Entered Poly 1948

Liberal Arts

Varsity Club 3, 4 (Secretary-Treasurer 4); Wrestling Team 2, 3, 4, Squad 1; Football Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Lacrosse Team 3; J. V. Track 2; Koster Award 3; Jack James Trophy 4; First Team Ivy League Football 4; All-Brooklyn Prep School Football 4; All-Brooklyn-Queens Football 4; Second Team All-Brooklyn High School Football 4; Winner Ivy League Wrestling Championship 4; Medalist Lehigh Wrestling Championship 3, 4; Winner Novice Broad Jump 3, Novice Wrestling Tournament 1; Glee Club 3, 4; Polytones 4; Chess Club 2; Field and Stream Club 1.

STEVEN EDWARD DUCKER

Oasis; Winner P.P.

Our President . . . bring back hockey . . . modest and respected . . . shifty wingback . . . I don't need French to be a game warden . . . Birdland and jazz . . . slugging infielder . . . I'm off to the Sorbonne.

Entered Poly 1951

Liberal Arts

President Class 3, 4; Vice President Oasis 4; Varsity Club 4; Captain Baseball Team 4; Baseball Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Football Team 4, J. V. 3; Board Track Team 4, J. V. 2; J. V. Basketball 3; Sports Editor *Polygon* 4; Glee Club 3, 4 (Vice President 4); Polytones 4; Color Guard 3; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

CHARLES LANE DUNLOP

Winner P.P.

Jolly Cholly . . . Scottish accent with a Southern drawl . . . at my parties, one doesn't do things like that . . . anyone lend me a dime? . . . math scholar . . . girls, girls, and more girls . . . amazing vocabulary.

Entered Poly 1949

Creative Writing

Swimming Team 2, 3, 4; Baseball Squad 3, J. V. 2; Glee Club 3, 4; Polytones 4: *'Gon* Heelers 2; Public Speaking 4; Runner-up *Time* Test 4.

JAMES MARK FAWCETT

Oasis; Winner P.P.

Slim Jim . . . an impeccable dresser . . . slave driver of the *'Gon* . . . pure pain, heh, heh, heh . . . Bermuda Beau Brummel . . . track determination.

Entered Poly 1946

Liberal Arts

Secretary Class 1, 2; Varsity Club 4; Soccer Team 4, Squad 3, J. V. 2; Track Team 3, Squad 2; Board Track Team 4, J. V. 2, 3; Medalist Brooklyn College Track Meet 3; Winner A. A. P. S. 220-Yard Dash 2, Novice Ivy League Relay 2, Class Relay 4, Novice 220-Yard Dash 3; Co-Circulation Manager *Polygon* 4, Assistant 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Lincoln Day Speech 4; Chapel Speaker 3; Year Attendance Honor Roll 2; Secretary *'Gon* Heelers 2; Current Events Club 2.

NEIL HENRY FEINSTEIN

Winner P.P.

Where's Yahr . . . man and his camera . . . a constant smile . . . math twice a day . . . a lumbering giant . . . Howdy Doody . . . muscle-man of the wrestling team.

Entered Poly 1950

Engineering

Football Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Wrestling Team 3, 4, Squad 2; Medalist Lehigh Wrestling Championships 4; Winner Novice Wrestling Tournament 3; Camera Club 1, 2, 3; Contributor POLYGLOT 2, 3, 4.

RICHARD MICHAEL FELNER

Winner P.P.

Dick . . . dignified and cultured . . . I thought I told you to wait in the car . . . spends his allowance on newspapers . . . tracker of alumni.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Track Team 3, Squad 2; Board Track Squad 4, J. V. 3; Cross Country Squad 3; J. V. Basketball 2; Manager Cross Country 4; Alumni Editor *Polygon* 4; Medalist Brooklyn College Track Meet 3, A. A. P. S. Meet 3; Winner Freshman Ivy League Relay 1; Form Winner *Time* Test 3; Glee Club 3; Year Attendance Honor Roll 3; *'Gon* Heelers 2; Form Newspaper 1.

JACQUIN PHILIP FINK

Winner P.P.

Who're you calling a Fink? . . . shot putting without calisthenics . . . flashy sport shirts . . . frantic physics fiend . . . effervescent . . . a lover of good music.

Entered Poly 1949

Dentistry

Captain Track Team 4; Track Team 3, 4, Squad 2; Football Team 3, 4; Board Track Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Vice President Varsity Club 4; First Team Ivy League Football 4, All-Brooklyn Private School Football 4, All-Brooklyn-Queens Football 4; Winner Board Track Shot Put 4, Board Track 60-Yard Dash 4; Winner Novice Wrestling Tournament 4, Runner-up 1; Glee Club 3, 4; Polytones 4; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

EUGENE SOMER FLAMM

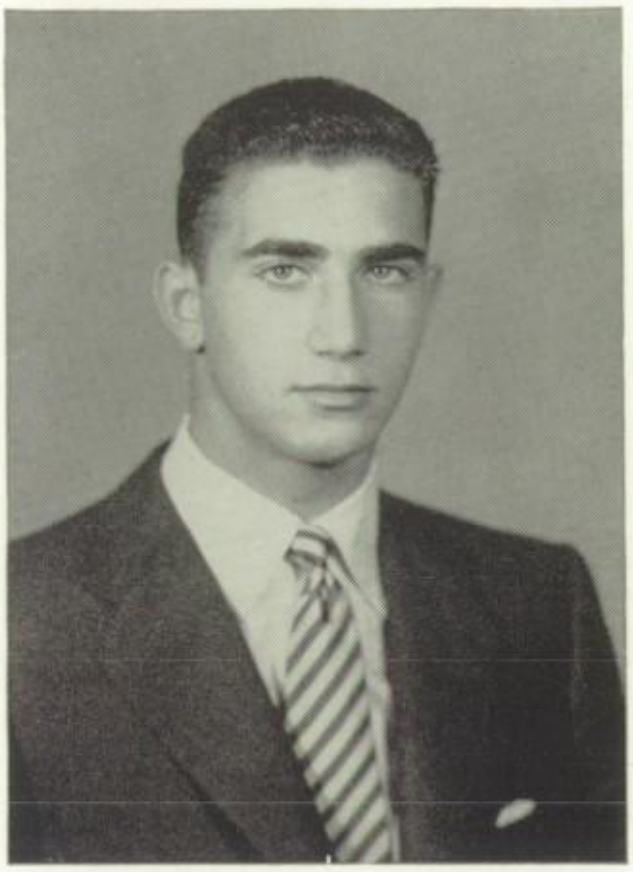
Cum Laude; Winner P.P.

Huge Gene . . . tweed suits from Brooks Brothers . . . solid and dependable . . . crosswords with Spark . . . business man . . . lacrosse captain.

Entered Poly 1950

Medicine

Business Manager POLYGLOT 4; Captain Lacrosse Team 4; Lacrosse Team 3, 4, Squad 2; Rifle Team 4, Squad 2, 3; Soccer Squad 4, J. V. 3; Cheer Leader 4; Winner Novice Rifle Tournament 3; Winner French Poster Contest 2; Winner Speaking Contest 2; Gray Nominating Speech 4; Semester Honor Roll 3; Polytones 4; Camera Club 1, 2, 3; Current Events Club 1, 2; Chess Club 3.



BRUCE MARTIN FREEDMAN

Cum Laude

Together with Manfre . . . quick-witted . . . I don't grind . . . math brain . . . baseball enthusiast . . . late to bed and early to rise.

Entered Poly 1949

Industrial Engineering

Swimming Squad 4; Baseball Squad 3; J. V. Baseball 2; J. V. Basketball 2; J. V. Football 2; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4 (Vice President 4); Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Year Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, Semester 4; Runner-up National French Contest 2, 3.

JOEL EVAN GREELEY

Oasis; Winner P.P.

Jo . . . perennial holder of class offices . . . sport-talk . . . Bay Ridge boy with Heights crowd . . . soccer star . . . Mr. Outside on the basketball court . . . lemme have that lineup will'ya?

Entered Poly 1947

Engineering

Secretary Class 4; Vice President Class 2, 3; Varsity Club 4; Sports Editor *Polygon* 4; Soccer Team 3, 4; Lacrosse Team 2, 3; Basketball Team 4, Squad 3, J. V. 2; School Gray Leader 4; Cheer Leader 3, 4; Form Gray Leader 1; Glee Club 3, 4 (Secretary 4); Polytones 4; Chess Club 2; *'Go*n Heelers 2; Color Guard 3, 4.

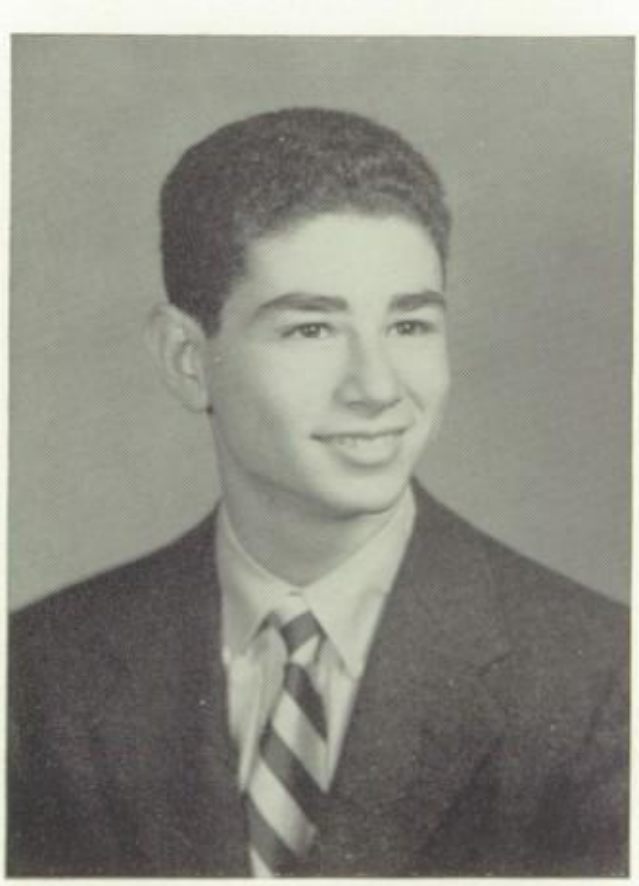
STEPHEN GREENBERG

Steve . . . quiet scholar . . . curly hair and dimples . . . track in three seasons . . . seriousness of purpose . . . paper wad baseball with Groskoph.

Entered Poly 1952

Business

Advertising Manager POLYGLOT 4; Cross Country Squad 3, J. V. 4; J. V. Board Track 3; Current Events Club 3.



RALPH GORDON GROSKOPH

Winner P.P.

Ralphie . . . Mr. Eagie's net-tender . . . covers a lot of ground on the squash court . . . good-natured . . . royal blue with P. P. 2 . . . means well . . . one-man square dance.

Entered Poly 1946

Medicine

Football Team 4, J. V. 2, 3; Lacrosse Team 3, Squad 2; Glee Club 3, 4; *'Gon* Heelers 2; Polytones 4; Field and Stream Club 1; Runner-up Squash Tournament 4; Public Speaking 4.

FRANK REICHARD GRUNDMAN

Winner P.P.

Frank . . . knows all the questions—most of the answers . . . from flashy end to snappy quarterback . . . they should be more careful about what they print . . . North's gift to Poly.

Entered Poly 1953

Engineering

Football Team 4: Swimming Team 4; Glee Club 4.

OWEN OSCAR HOBERMAN

Winner P.P.

Oscar . . . leader in classroom antics . . . bullies Swarzman . . . Joe College . . . frequent trips to Montreal . . . terror on the lacrosse field . . . little man with big jokes.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Wrestling Team 3; Soccer Team 4, J. V. 2; J. V. Lacrosse 2, 3; Winner Novice Wrestling Tournament 3; Advertising Manager *Polygon* 4; Glee Club 3; Business Manager Dramatic Club 4; Camera Club 1; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

GERALD JAY JACOBY

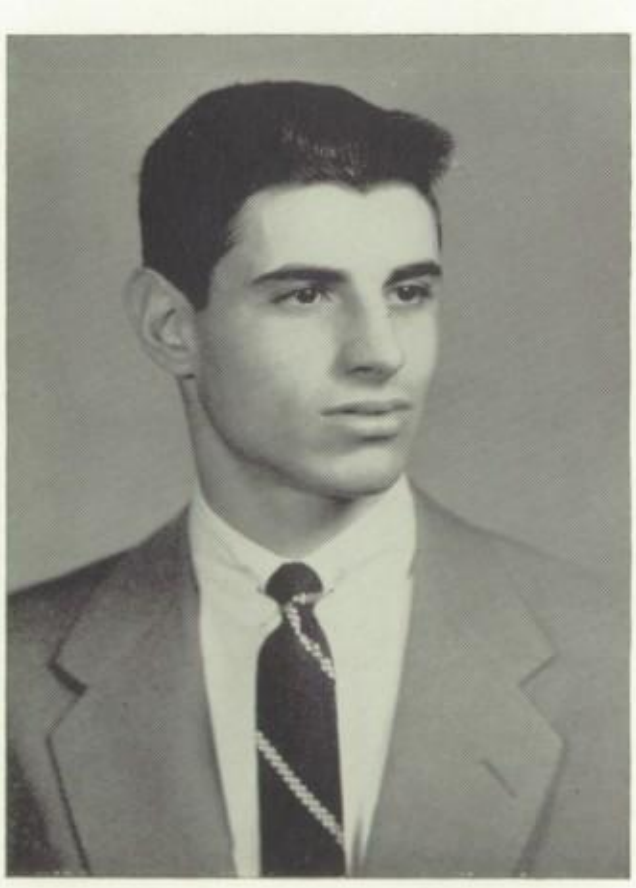
Winner P.P.

Jake . . . where's Dean Martin? . . . skinny in size, but big in feeling . . . determined ball carrier . . . anyone see Kane? . . . walk softly and carry a big cast.

Entered Poly 1949

Veterinary Medicine

Football Team 4, J. V. 3; J. V. Basketball 3; J. V. Baseball 3; Chess Club 3, 4.



ALAN DONALD KANE

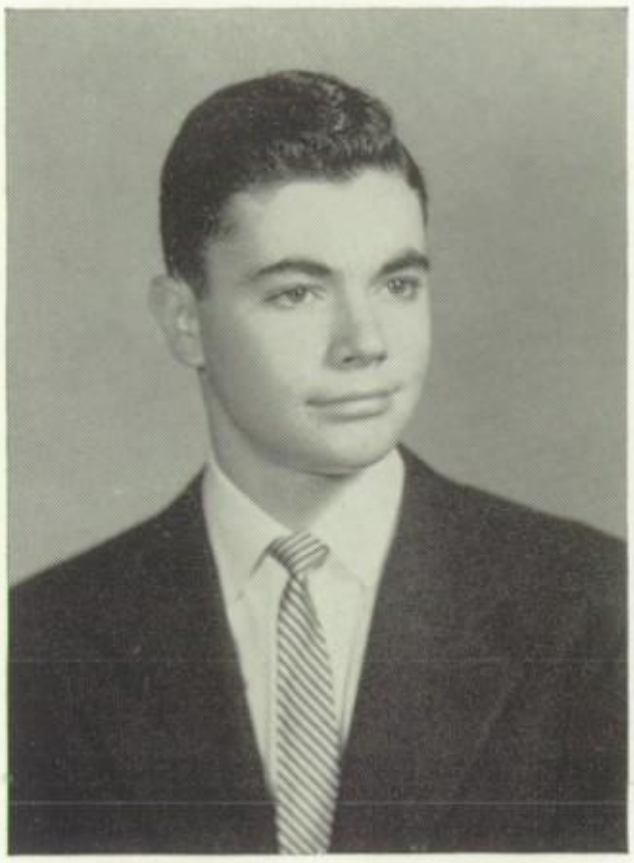
Winner P.P.

Al . . . laughs at Mr. Case's jokes . . . there's a Ford in your future . . . high scorer of soccer team . . . Al and Jerry . . . fake fights with Bruno.

Entered Poly 1949

Liberal Arts

Co-Holder School Soccer Scoring Record 4; Captain Basketball 4; Basketball Team 4, J. V. 3; Soccer Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Dramatic Club 3; Art Club 4.



HARVEY STEPHEN KARTEN

Harv . . . Spanish bunny . . . gets telegrams in Mr. Clark's class . . . yes sir, yes sir . . . future hurdler . . . private secretary of the *'GLOT* . . . willing and able . . . a protégé of Kwass.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Activities Editor POLYGLOT 4; Cross Country Squad 4; Assistant Manager Track 3; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4 (President 4); Runner-up Oasis Literature Contest 3; Dramatic Club 2; Public Speaking 2, 4; Spanish Club 1.

FRANCIS THOMAS KELIHER

Winner P.P.

Big Frank . . . will'ya please throw me a pass . . . set on touring the country . . . persistent in the big sports . . . talk softly and carry a big stick.

Entered Poly 1946

Liberal Arts

President Class 2; Vice President Class 1; Football Team 4, J. V. 2, 3; Basketball Squad 4, J. V. 2, 3; J. V. Baseball 2, 3; Baird Latin Contest Team 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Current Events Club 2; *'Gon* Heelers 2; Polytones 4.

PAUL NORMAN KLOTZ

Oasis; Winner P.P.

Tiny . . . nothing bothers me . . . Paul and Hal . . . please, Mr. Case, I've been in this seat for years . . . Captain Paul . . . how does something so big move so fast . . . leader in political discussions . . . radiant personality.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Captain Board Track Team 4; Board Track Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Football Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Track Squad 2, 3; Form Blue Leader 2, 4; Winner Ivy League Freshman Relay 1, Novice Ivy League Relay 2, 220-Yard Dash Board Track 4, Class Relay 4; Sports Editor *Polygon* 4; Glee Club 3, 4; *'Gon* Heelers 2; President Current Events Club 1, 2; Contributor POLYGLOT 3, 4; Public Speaking 4.

MARVIN FREDERIC KRAUSHAR

Cum Laude; Winner P.P.

Kuke . . . co-captain of the touch football team . . . loves raccoons and boats . . . don't shoot boys, it's me the manager . . . quick with the joke . . . Southpaw Carl Furillo.

Entered Poly 1949

Medicine

Assistant Advertising Manager POLYGLOT 4; Manager Rifle Team 4; J. V. Baseball 2, 3; Semester Honor Roll 3; Blue Nominating Speech 4; Year Attendance Honor Roll 1, 3; Current Events Club 1, 2; Art Club 3; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

MICHAEL LIONEL LINDT

Winner P.P.

Mike . . . fascinating accent . . . Now, Michael, d'ya understand that . . . dig that crazy motorcycle . . . Oh that horrible American chocolate . . . Switzerland's loss is Poly's gain.

Entered Poly 1953

Business

Board Track Team 4. At Chinhurst School, England, he played on the J. V. soccer team, on the cricket team, and for three years was on the track team.

DAVID LOUIS LIVINGSTONE

Winner P.P.

Dave . . . Poly's contribution to AGVA . . . studying in commons hall . . . seen with Nahon . . . quiet and neat . . . track manager.

Entered Poly 1946

Medicine

Manager Track Team 4; Swimming Team 4, Squad 3; Winner French Contest 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Opera Club 4.

ROBERT ERSKINE LOUGHLIN

Winner P.P.

Lives for weekends . . . physics is my problem . . . an amicable grin . . . new-found lacrosse star . . . man's man . . . Heights boy . . . wild parties with Rieger.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Varsity Club 3, 4; Football Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Board Track Team 3, J. V. 2; Lacrosse Team 3; J. V. Track 2; Runner-up *Time* Test 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Polytones 4.

ALLEN FREDERICK LUNDY

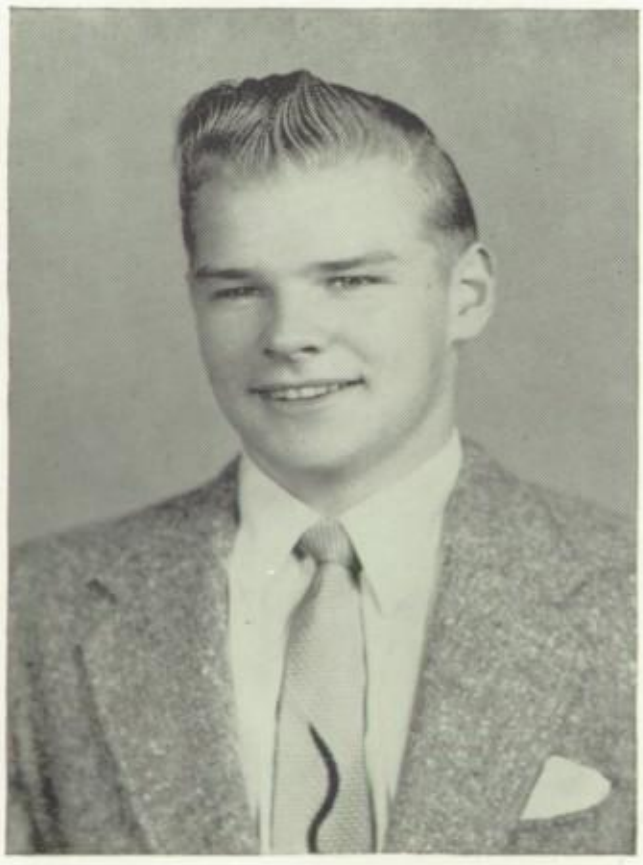
Winner P.P.

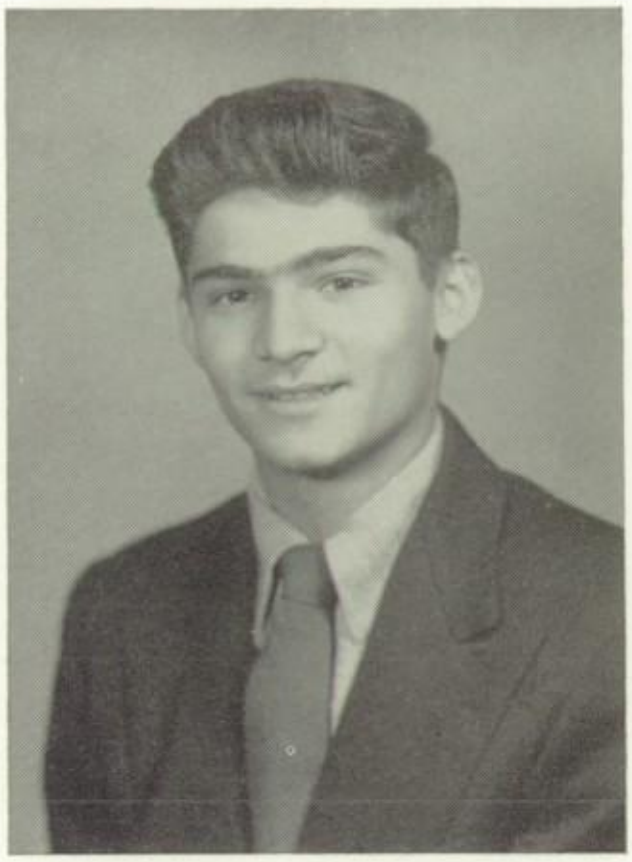
Al . . . captain of the mermen . . . now listen, buddy . . . handsome man on the soccer field . . . no more cars roll in at 2:00.

Entered Poly 1949

Navy Air Corps

Captain Swimming Team 4; Varsity Club 4; Swimming Team 3; Lacrosse Team 3; Soccer Team 4, J. V. 2; Glee Club 4; Dramatic Club 2.





FRANK XAVIER MANFRE

Winner P.P.

Frank . . . worry wart . . . quiet respectability . . . swapping quips with Freedman . . . lives for baseball . . . flashy fielder . . . Doc Van's the funniest.

Entered Poly 1948

Liberal Arts

Baseball Team 3, J. V. 2; Board Track Squad 4, J. V. 3; Year Attendance Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

DOUGLAS JAMES MORRISON

Charging fullback . . . Doc Van, you just don't see my point . . . oft in a cloud of smoke . . . me and Al . . . what did I do?

Entered Poly 1948

Business

Football Squad 4, J. V. 3; Basketball Squad 4; Chess Club 3.

JOHN AUGUST MUSSIO

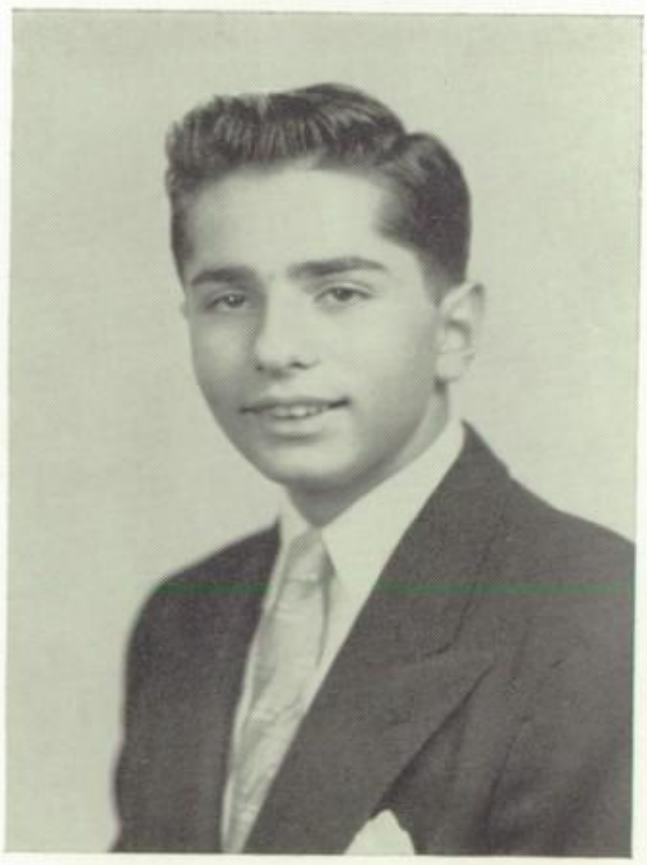
Winner P.P.

Moose . . . Latin scholar . . . seven popsicles a day . . . Hollywood John with dark glasses . . . easy touch.

Entered Poly 1950

Medicine

Manager Baseball Team 3, 4; Assistant Manager Basketball 3; Assistant Manager Cross Country 3; Current Events Club 1; Public Speaking Club 2; Camera Club 1; Chess Club 4; Dramatic Club 4; Year Attendance Honor Roll 1.



DAVID JAMES NAHON

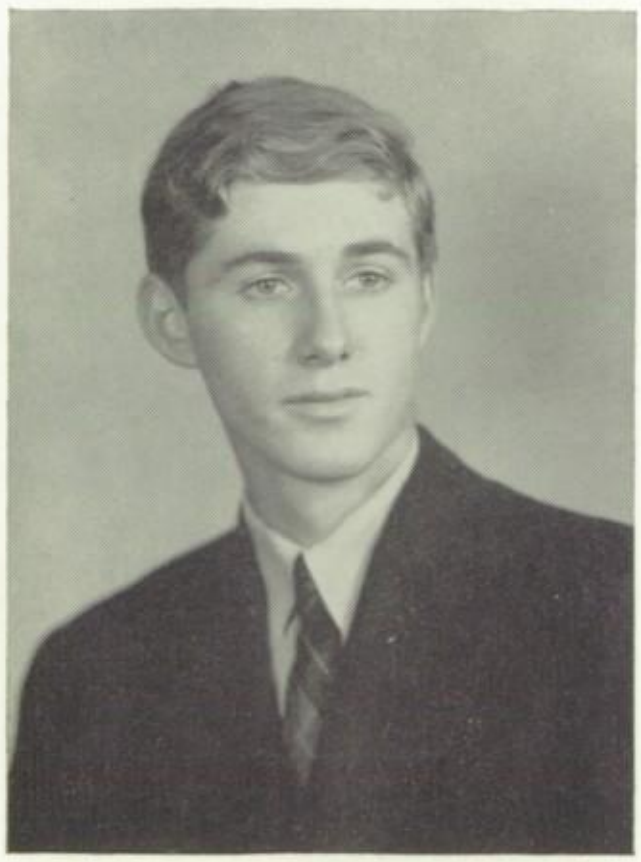
Winner P.P.

Dave . . . English sophistication . . . ever ready to help . . . Greenwich village boy . . . oh, dim it . . . up-to-date all the time . . . dependable.

Entered Poly 1951

Liberal Arts

Manager Swimming Team 4; Soccer Team 4, J. V. 3; Dramatic Club 4; Chess Club 2, 3, 4; Current Events Club 3; Year Attendance Honor Roll 3.



FREDERICK ERNEST RIEGER JR.

Winner P.P.

One of the Vikings . . . all-round track man . . . it beats me . . . merman . . . merrily we roll along.

Entered Poly 1945

Liberal Arts

Varsity Club 3, 4; Football Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Swimming Team 2, 3, 4; Track Team 3, Squad 2, J. V. 1; Winner Novice Wrestling Tournament 4; Honorable Mention All-Brooklyn Football 4; Second Team All-Ivy League Football 4; Winner Novice Pole Vault 2, Novice High Jump 3; Glee Club 3; Polytones 4; Life Saving Club 3; Assistant Stage Manager Dramatic Club 2.

HARVEY SAMUEL ROSENBERG

Winner P.P.

Harv . . . long hair with a crew-cut . . . courteous to everyone . . . anyone see Brodie? . . . thespian . . . tan suits and a yellow sweater.

Entered Poly 1952

Liberal Arts

Soccer Team 4, J. V. 3; J. V. Lacrosse 2, 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Camera Club 2.

PAUL THOMAS SCHOENEMANN

Cum Laude; Oasis; Winner P.P.

Big wheel . . . brains and personality . . . red . . . the sun did it to me in Bermuda . . . seldom serious . . . captain of the grapplers . . . gasp in person.

Entered Poly 1946

Mechanical Engineering

President Oasis 4; Captain Wrestling Team 4; Wrestling Team 3, 4; Football Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Year Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, Semester 4; Winner Yale Cup 3; Track Squad 3, J. V. 2; J. V. Board Track 2; Form Blue Leader 1; Medalist Lehigh Wrestling Championships 4; Runner-up Novice Wrestling Tournament 2; Gasp Editor *Polygon* 4, Assistant 3; Glee Club 3, 4 (President 4); Polytones 4; Winner French Poster Contest 1; Year Attendance Honor Roll 3; Contributor POLYGLOT 3; *'Gon* Heelers 2; Runner-up *Time* Test 4.

BYRON SCHRIVER JR.

Winner P.P.

Bye . . . Guam boy makes good . . . popular with everyone . . . Colorado, here I come . . . keeps running . . . let's not forget the dues.

Entered Poly 1952

Business

Class Treasurer 4; Cross Country Team 4; Board Track Squad 4; Chapel Speech Franklin's Birthday 4; Semester Honor Roll 3; Glee Club 4.

WILLIAM ANTHONY SCHWARTZ

Oasis

Willie . . . dizzy fingers . . . plugs away at all sports . . . physics clown . . . everybody's friend . . . a comical remark about any situation . . . continually gasping.

Entered Poly 1946

Liberal Arts

Treasurer Oasis 4; Bearns Music Award 3; Piano Soloist 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4 (President 4); Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Squad 3, J. V. 1, 2; J. V. Soccer 3; Assistant Manager Baseball 2; Runner-up Novice Wrestling Tournament 2, 3; Gasp Editor *Polygon* 4; Glee Club 4.

DANIEL FOSTER SEIDEL

Winner P.P.

Physics brain . . . Tep and Danny . . . model planes and cars . . . trying to outrun Karten . . . please say something, Danny.

Entered Poly 1952

Civil Engineering

Rifle Team 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Camera Club 3.

DUNHAM BALDWIN SHERER

Cum Laude; Oasis; Winner P.P.

Dunnie . . . vocabulary and success . . . a polite yawn for everyone . . . lobs and volleys . . . all that math . . . Oh, I did it in my head . . . down in Bermuda . . . martinis don't have any taste . . . why go out with girls when I can spend the time sleeping?

Entered Poly 1947

Electrical Engineering

Co-Editor-in-Chief POLYGLOT 4; Baird Latin Team 2; Tennis Team 3; Rifle Team 4; Cross Country Squad 4; J. V. Board Track 2; Winner Midget High Jump A.A.P.S. 1; Runner-up Tennis Tournament 3; Year Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, Semester 4; Chess Club 2, 3; Chapel Speaker Thanksgiving Day 4; Runner-up Novice Rifle Tournament 4; Winner *Time* Test 4.

ETHAN ROY SIGNER

Cum Laude; Oasis; Winner P.P.

Sig . . . never does homework . . . likes Grundman's car . . . lacrosse is not an easy sport . . . quick remarks in English . . . big little football player . . . joker.

Entered Poly 1950

Medicine

Football Team 4, J. V. 2, 3; Assistant Sports Editor POLYGLOT 4; J. V. Lacrosse 2; J. V. Baseball 3; Third in City French Contest 2; Winner Lane Contest 1; Glee Club 4; Polytones 4; Winner School Speaking Contest 4, Middler Speaking Contest 1, Form Speaking Contest 2, 3; Year Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, Semester 4; Camera Club 2, 3; Chess Club 2, 3; Contributor POLYGLOT 2, 3.

LESLIE MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

Oasis; Winner P.P.

Les . . . get outta here . . . a-haa . . . veep . . . let's wrap it up . . . hoop star . . . there's a party Saturday night . . . the gimp . . . I take physics just for fun . . . affability.

Entered Poly 1950

Medicine

Vice President Class 4; Treasurer Class 3; Class Gray Leader 4; Basketball Team 4; Squad 3, J. V. 2; Soccer Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Track Squad 3, J. V. 2; Cheer Leader 4; Sports Editor *Polygon* 4; Color Guard 3, 4; Runner-up Novice Wrestling Tournament 3; Year Attendance Honor Roll 1; Current Events Club 1, 2; Public Speaking Club 2.

GERALD NEAL SONNENBLICK

Winner P.P.

Geraldine . . . chalk fights in Mr. Cuningham's room . . . in on everything . . . studying is such a bore . . . fun-loving and irrepressible . . . but Mr. T., these exercises are all wrong.

Entered Poly 1952

Business

Cross Country Team 4; Board Track Squad 3; J. V. Football 3; Medalist Ivv League Cross Country Meet 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Public Speaking 4.

RICHARD FRANKLYN SPARK

Winner P.P.

Richie . . . Discobolus . . . ardent theater-goer . . . supplies art ideas for POLYGLOT . . . cartoons and crossword puzzles . . . me and John . . . assistant Spanish teacher . . . fast thinker . . . see you at Central Needle Trades.

Entered Poly 1949

Aeronautics

Manager Soccer Team 4; Track Squad 2, 3; Board Track Squad 4, J. V. 3; Assistant Manager Football 3; Winner Novice Discus Throw 3; Art Club 3; Current Events Club 2; Contributor POLYGLOT 3, 4; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

EUGENE LYLE STOLER

Winner P.P.

Gene . . . hit me, boy . . . strange bow ties and fancy shirts . . . most ferocious of the Indians . . . at least three books for every subject.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Football Team 4, J. V. 3; Topics and Exchange Editor *Polygon* 4; Orchestra 3, 4 (Secretary-Treasurer 4); Swimming Team 4, Squad 3; J. V. Lacrosse 3; Glee Club 3; Assistant Manager Football 2; Field and Stream Club 1; Chess Club 2; Public Speaking Club 2.

HERBERT GEORGE SWARZMAN

Winner P.P.

Herb . . . bookseller . . . captain of fall golf and 3:27 club . . . It's the Cards in '54 . . . locker troubles . . . the mighty mite.

Entered Poly 1949

Psychology

Business Manager POLYGLOT 4; Golf Team 3, 4; Tennis Squad 2; J. V. Track 3; Winner Golf Tournament 4; Camera Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Contributor POLYGLOT 2.

RICHARD IAN TEPERSON

Winner P.P.

Tep . . . friendly with all . . . happy are the school days . . . O. K.—lay off . . . model trains and football . . . boy, I wuz robbed.

Entered Poly 1952

Medicine

Football Team 4, J. V. 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Art Contributor POLYGLOT 4.

NEIL EUGENE TERGESEN

Winner P.P.

Little Neil . . . outboard enthusiast . . . what'ya doin', Oiskine? . . . hoop manager . . . gimme that sandblaster . . . always cheerful.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Manager Basketball 4; Manager Golf 4; Golf Squad 3; Semester Honor Roll 4; Contributor POLYGLOT 4; Glee Club 4; Art Club 3; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

BRADLEY READ THAYER

Winner P.P.

Brad . . . Hahvad man . . . Gad, Dunlop . . . helmet troubles . . . blood hound for *'Gon* ads.

Entered Poly 1946

Liberal Arts

Football Team 3, 4, J. V. 2; Lacrosse Team 3, Squad 2; Business Manager *Polygon* 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Contributor POLYGLOT 4; Year Attendance Honor Roll 2; Color Guard 4; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

JACK GUMPERT WASSERMAN

Winner P.P.

Gump . . . Jack of all trades . . . natural cheerleader . . . matador in bull sessions . . . late again . . . first period study hall . . . say, did'ya hear this one?

Entered Poly 1949

Law

Lacrosse Team 3; Feature Editor *Polygon* 4; J. V. Baseball 2; J. V. Football 3; Assistant Manager Soccer 2; Cheer Leader 4; Chess Club 2; Blue Nominating Speech 4; Dramatic Club 3; Runner-up Novice Wrestling 4; Public Speaking 4.

FRED HENRY WERNER

Oasis

Back on my Arizona range . . . Werner, can't you spell *Polygon* . . . Wamba . . . It wasn't my fault . . . Bermas's right-hand man.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Editor-in-Chief *Polygon* 4; Winner Form Speaking Contest 1; Chapel Speaker 4; Assistant Manager Soccer 3; Current Events Club 1, 2, 3; *'Gon* Heelers 2.

THOMAS TREANOR WRIGHT

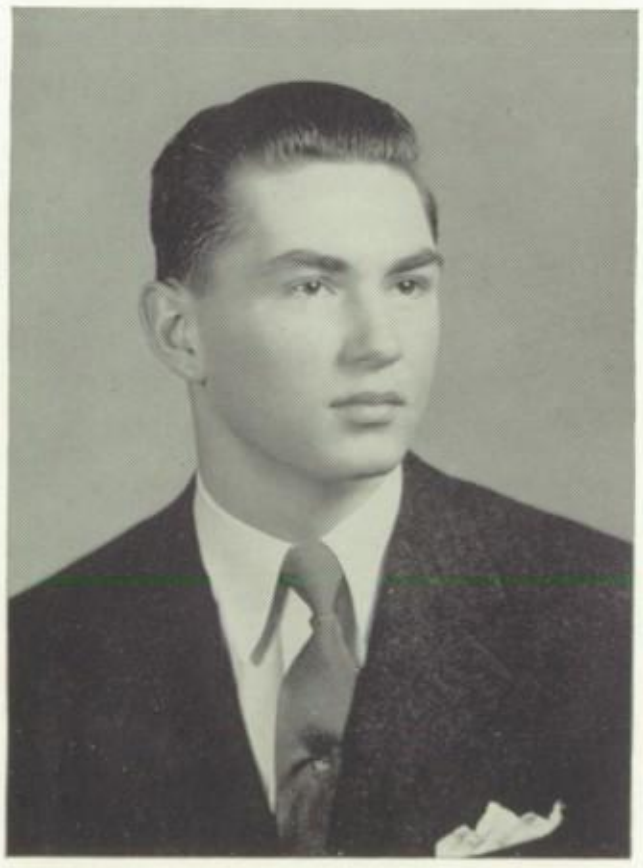
Winner P.P.

Loud ties and vests . . . imperturbable and polite . . . history brain . . . he's never, never sick at sea . . . 200 yards is a long race.

Entered Poly 1950

Liberal Arts

Swimming Team 2, 3; Co-Circulation Manager *Polygon* 4; J. V. Soccer 2, 3; J. V. Lacrosse 2, 3; Form Winner Speaking Contest 3; Chapel Speaker 4; Dramatic Club 1, 3, 4 (President 4); Color Guard 4; *'Gon* Heelers 2; Contributor POLYGLOT 4; Spanish Club 1.



WILLIAM ZACHARY YAHR

Winner P.P.

Zach . . . shutterbug . . . Davis, just leave it to me . . . always with Feinstein . . . honorary president of the camera club . . . projection room.

Entered Poly 1949

Liberal Arts

Associate Editor POLYGLOT 4; Photographer POLYGLOT 3; Underclass Editor POLYGLOT 2; Manager Wrestling 4; Soccer Squad 4, J. V. 2; J. V. Baseball 2; Photographic Editor *Polygon* 4, Photographer 1, 2, 3; Year Attendance Honor Roll 1, 2; Camera Club 1, 2, 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3· Contributor POLYGLOT 1; President Camera Club 2, 3; Operator Projection Room 1, 2, 3, 4.

Feinstein flies away

Wasserman undaunted by Schoenemann

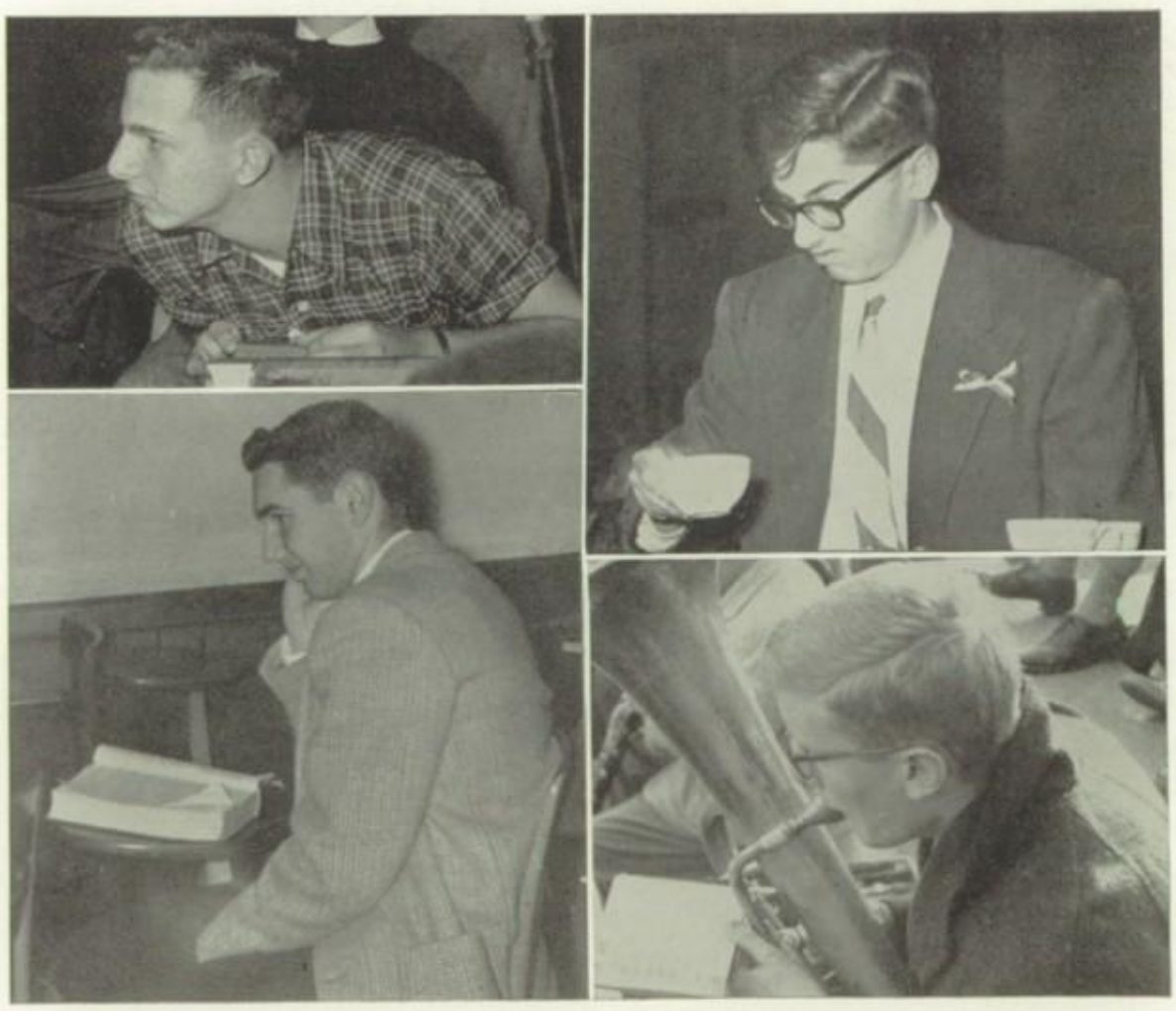
Tony looks like a Frenchman

Flamm in the latest style

Groskoph in no style

Lindt prepares to lead football team

Ducker hears that Rangers won



Marv imitates a Pontiac

Moose spots a fly

Dunnie has to study?

Schwartz is a load of wind

The blizzard of '53

Did you say "McCarthy"?

Well, here are the facts, ma'am

Mr. Ricker doesn't like snow

Mrs. Shepherd from Kansas

Dr. Nicholson watches boys suffer

Newsboy distributes papers

Yahr allots some time for homework

It must be counterfeit

Marty tries to erase himself

Grundman in a pleasant mood

Nahon spots Dave

Livingstone, the singing waiter

Ames and Kraushar gloomy about a test

Teperson goes before McCarthy committee

Klotz works for a change

Dizzy Dunlop

Spark disagrees

Schriver and little friend

Chemistry floors Werner

Thayer to Klotz to Stoler

Keliher defenseless

Gene and Ralph on 40th day

Dan dives in

Don't point, Fred

Are you a member of the union, Sonny?

Norm discusses politics for a change

Bermas sells programs

Hoberman driving Aiello crazy

Music charms Eddie

Thayer has a powerful vocabulary

Physics swells Joel's head

Crazee mixed-up kid

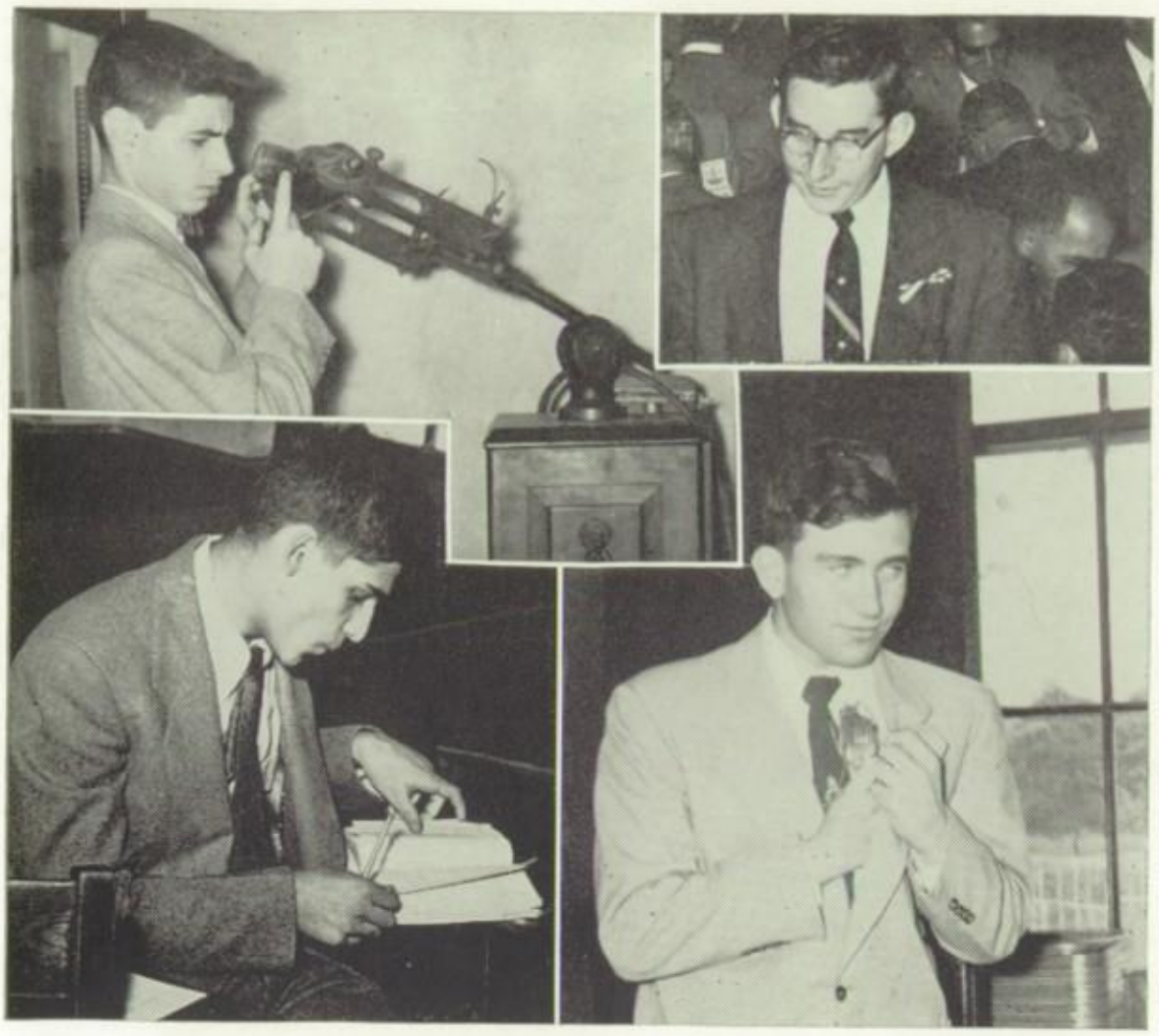
Editor snaps ideas out of the air

Loughlin undisturbed

Oscar tries to think

Bogen spots his name

Those Swiss have a way about them



Better look out, Jake

Spark, the garçon

Manfre puzzled

Teperson absconds with silverware

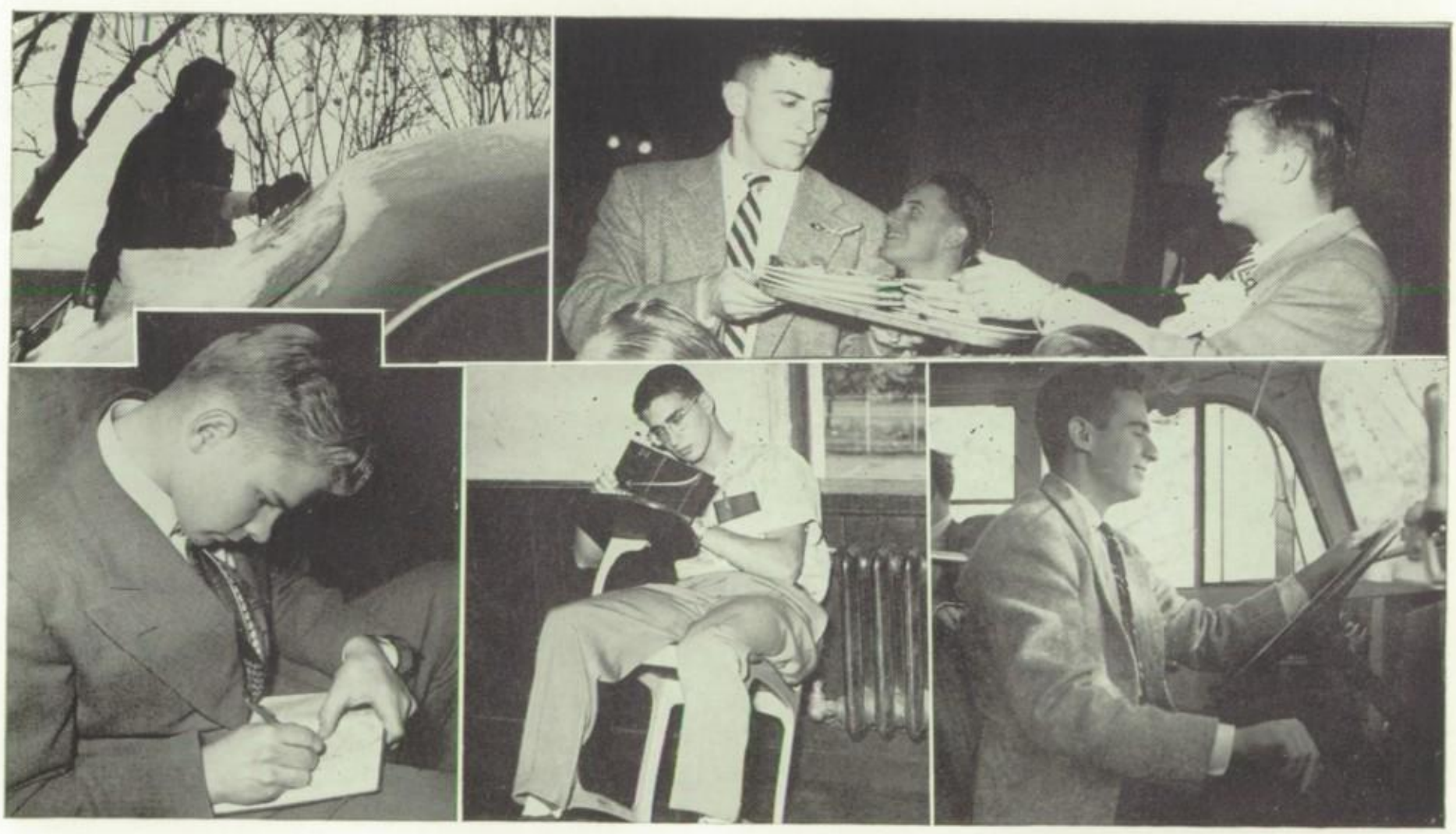
Winter comes to Poly

Lundy copies notes

Nothing bothers Freedman

Pass the head, please

Leslie at the wheel



I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true; I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have

Classes

GAMMER GURTON'S NEEDLE—1926

Through the Years

The first catalogue *announced: "The course of study embraces all the essentials of a complete education—classical, scientific, and commercial. The plan embraces four departments: Junior Academic, Senior Academic, Junior Collegiate, and Senior Collegiate and Polytechnic. Altogether there were nine departments: English, History and Geography (including a 'compend' of General History), Mathematics (with intellectual and written arithmetic), Civil Engineering, Natural Science, Intellectual and Moral Philosophy, Ancient Languages, Modern Languages, Miscellaneous (Penmanship, Bookkeeping, Drawing, and Vocal Music). The Trustees and Faculty are united in the determination to give to the studies of this course [English] a prominence and interest commensurate with their paramount importance in the education of American youth."*

The increase in enrollment *in the early years must have proved the need of such a school. In 1856, there were 437 students, and the next year 516 were listed although the expulsion of one boy was recorded.*

In 1872, *fifteen Japanese students enrolled at Poly, and the next year thirteen Japanese.*

Education with a singleness *of emphasis on studies gave the Poly boy much cause for complaint in the restriction of his liberties. A writer in the POLYWOG of 1888 complains: "We are permitted to sit down, when we don't have to stand up; we can talk, so long as Prof. is out of range; and we can get a refreshing draught of water, when our parched throats require it; we can all go out to see the circus, when it passes through our sacred precinct; we can hang our hats and coats on hooks, and we are not to hang them up on the floor."*

Alumni speak warmly *of Dr. Lane, the Headmaster, "whom we all respected highly; Mr. Golden, the English master; Prof. Carteaux, the French master, who spoke a meticulously correct English; Dr. Warner, the Latin master, who really loved his subject, and Dr. Hawes, the Greek master, a man of broad general culture.*

*"**Indeed one can remember*** *pleasant incidents about all of the teachers, and can trace their influence in later life."*

*"**Dr. Hawes** was so anxious that his scholars should do well in their College Entrance Greek examinations that after Junior Year was ended, he invited all of us for a day at the Crescent Athletic Club in Bay Ridge, and then for a series of evening cramming lessons at his home, to be coached intensively. We all passed."*

From the diary of a graduate of '04:

***October** 9, 1903 "It began raining hard yesterday and kept up all night and today. The Brighton Beach Elevated Service was changed from electricity to steam locomotives. This morning, after waiting from 8 to 8:30 in the fog and rain, at Cortelyou Road surface station, I got a train and started off. At Avenue A and also at Church Avenue the water in the railroad cut was about two feet deep so that the train didn't stop. At Prospect Park we waited quite a while and then started through the tunnel. The train had to go slowly for fear of creating a wave which would wet the firebox because the water was as high as the wheels. During about half an hour the engine gave periodic jerks which did not move the cars. After several minutes it succeeded in getting it up slowly to the Consumers Park Station, where it stopped finally."*

***The year 1900** brought a new rearrangement by grades and classes instead of by courses.*

***From English schools** was adopted in 1918 the use of "form" for the seventh grade and on through the high school.*

***With the years** has come an increase in class organization with election of class officers and the development of class enterprises and class athletic teams.*

CLASS OF '88

Fifth Form

President ..... HARRY PETCHESKY
Vice President ..... MICHAEL FREEDMAN
Secretary ..... ERIC LUSTIG
Treasurer ..... ANDREW GURLEY
Blue Leader ..... ANDREW GURLEY
Gray Leader ..... PHILIP LILLE

Size of Class—71

IN the class of 1955, the present junior class, twenty-four boys earned letters in varsity football, soccer, swimming, cross country, rifle, board track, and wrestling. Thirty-seven of the fifth formers took part in the major activities of the school, including the glee club, dramatic club, band, and orchestra. Twelve boys received recognition for their scholastic achievements during the first semester.

This year in addition to the regular class posts, a new office was created, the Student-Oasis representative. The class elected as its representative Joseph Stella. Steve Levine, as POLYGLOT representative, and Eric Lustig, Dick Perlman, and Dick Piccini as assistant circulation managers of the *Polygon* represented the class on the two school publications.

Andy Gurley, who started in varsity football games as a fourth former, and who starred as a fifth former will captain the football team in 1955. Stuart Mackler, having earned a second team letter last year in rifle, won the novice tournament this winter. In wrestling, Junker won the tournament in the 155-pound class. During the winter, Lille broke the game rebound and total rebound record in basketball, and Bill Gillen broke the record for the indoor mile with a time of 4:31.9, and for the half mile with a time of 2:00.1. In the Ivy League meet on May 1, Gillen shattered the outdoor record for the half with a 1:58.3 clocking.

Back—Daniels, Lang, Burch, Gillen, G. Andreozzi, P. Brown, Gerardi, Kwass. *Third*—Mr. Lucas, Kase, Field, A. Fisher, Camp, Altman, Bouton, Carter, Mr. Desmé. *Second*—Lange, M. Freedman, Junker, K. Howie, Friedman, Goldsmith, F. Giustra, Hauptman, Caldwell. *Front*—Kalison, Albert, Eber, Gold, Hart, Gurley, Brody.

Back—Stark, Lustig, Mackler, Youngblade, Swift, Larsen, Medley, Nesi, Lille. *Third*—Mr. Clark, Petchesky, S. M. Levine, Wurtzel, Sussman, Stone, Tepedino, Schoenfield, Olson. *Second*—Meirowitz, T. Rieger, Shapiro, Seminara, Lefkowitz, Piccini, Naiman, Younes. *Front*—Stella, R. Perlman, List, Schwartzwald, Solomon, Sciortino, Lessall.

Mike Freedman and Bob Field prepared a program in chapel commemorating the birth of Theodore Roosevelt. On numerous occasions Steve Kwass and his band played for school dances. The largest social function this year, sponsored by the fifth formers, was the junior prom. More than one hundred couples attended a dance decorated with beautiful marine designs. Other activities included the Red Cross Water Safety Club, with five members; the Camera Club, with three members; the Upper School Chess Club, with six members; and the Upper School Art Group, with one fifth former participating.

First Semester Honor Roll—Daniels, M. Freedman, R. Friedman, Hart, Kwass, Lange, S. M. Levine, List, Naiman, Perlman, Petchesky, Stella

Band—Field, Gold, Kalison, Kwass, Lefkowitz, List, Mackler

Orchestra—Field, Kwass, Lefkowitz, Mackler, Medley

Glee Club—Burch, Camp, Eber, M. Freedman, R. Friedman, Giustra, Gold, Goldsmith, Gurley, K. Howie, Lessall, S. M. Levine, Lustig, Medley, Nesi, R. Perlman, Petchesky, Schwartzwald, Stone, Swift, Younes

Dramatic Club—Andreozzi, Caldwell, Carter, Fisher, Junker, Lille, Piccini, Seminara, Shapiro, Solomon, Stark, Sussman

VARSITY SPORTS

Football—Gurley, Goldsmith, Junker, Lille, Medley, Sussman

Soccer—Field, Sciortino, Stone, Swift, Wurtzel

Cross Country—Bouton, Gillen, Youngblade

Basketball—Altman, Bouton, Lille

Board Track—Gillen, Youngblade

Swimming—Giustra

Wrestling—Shapiro

Rifle—Kase, Lustig, Mackler

Fourth Form

President.....CHARLES KAUFMAN
Vice President.....HARRY YATES
Secretary.....PETER GILBERT
Treasurer.....PETER GIUSTRA
Blue Leader.....CHARLES KAUFMAN
Gray Leader.....HARRY YATES

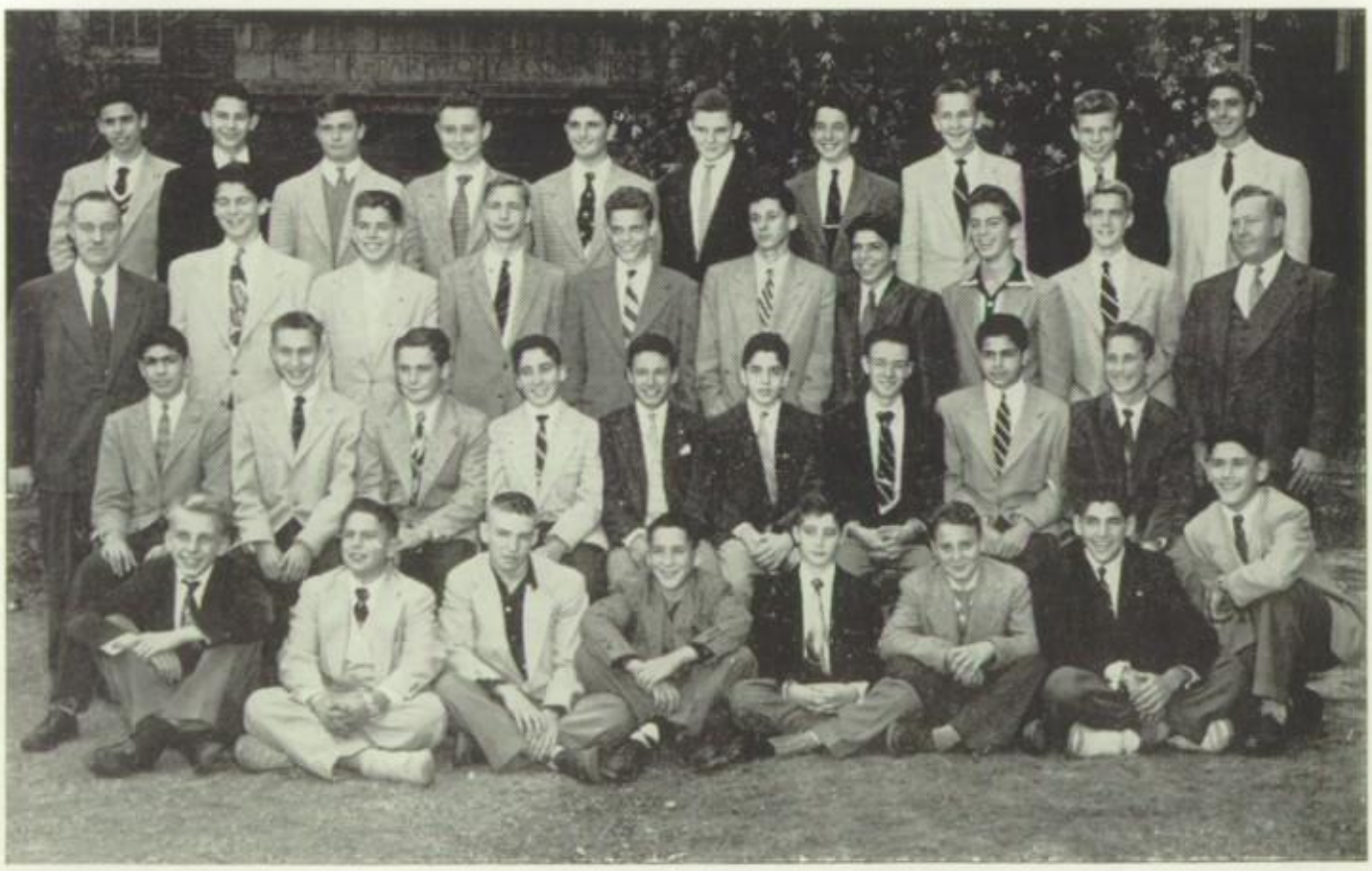
Size of Class—72

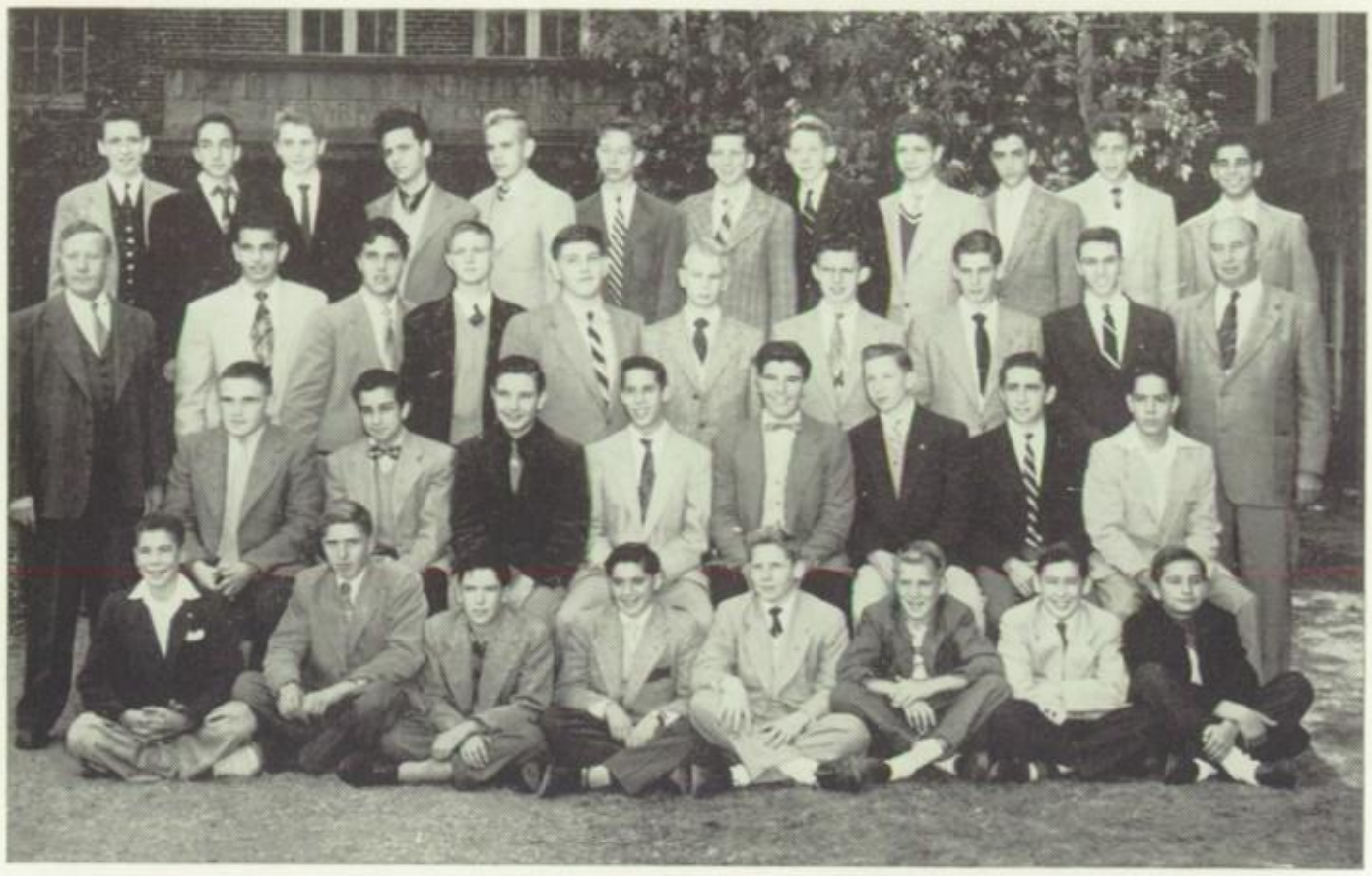
THE most outstanding fourth form class in scholarship and athletics in many years, the class of 1956 had eighteen boys on the first semester honor roll; twenty boys won letters in football, basketball, swimming, track, rifle, and wrestling. Many sophomores won J. V. letters.

In the intramural track meet held during the winter sports season, five fourth formers excelled. Art Walker won the mile run in 5:19.7. Harry Yates and Gordon Bunsick took a first and second respectively in the 60-yard dash. Another fourth former who distinguished himself in athletics was Chuck Kaufman. He was also Student-Oasis representative. Williamson and Finkelstein won the fall doubles tennis tournament. Hall, Nahon, Hempel, and Purpura won medals in the novice wrestling tournament.

Twenty sophomores took part in the Band, Orchestra, Glee Club, or Dramatic Club, which were the major activities of the school. Other activities in which the fourth formers participated were the Water Safety Club, Camera Club, Upper School Art Club, Art Activity Club, and the Chess Club.

Back—Finkelstein, Gilbert, Hall, M. Bratspis, Goldenberg, Bunsick, Flug, Knutsen, Latteri, C. Kaufman. *Third*—Mr. Eagleson, Denmark, Colen, Doenecke, Delmhorst, Brush, Krass, Haft, Fuller, Mr. Wilcox. *Second*—Behrens, Koreman, Chiteman, Jaffe, Heitner, D. Howie, Colleton, J. Howie, Fox. *Front*—T. Fisher, Goldman, Hempel, Freundlich, P. Giustra, Isola, B. Ducker, Freund.





Back—Raycroft, Rosen, Yates, Simone, L. Nelson, Louis, Seley, Thompson, Smoller, Spanier, Segall, Scalzo. *Third*—Mr. Wilcox, Malhame, A. Purpura, Welles, P. Perlman, E. Nielsen, Watkins, Segal, S. Levine, Mr. Westfall. *Second*—Scharges, Munisteri, Meyerhoefer, Williamson, E. Sirianni, Pollack, A. Walker, Lazarus. *Front*—Marks, J. Nahon, McCreedy, Malina, Shear, Press, Orloff, R. Schoenemann.

An activity open exclusively to fourth formers is the *Polygon* Heelers. Meeting weekly under the direction of Dr. Kastendieck, the *'Gon* Heelers undertook a modified course in journalism, designed to replace the one taken ordinarily in the fifth form. This year's group continued to assist the present staff in the circulation and advertisement departments of the paper and made a trip to the New York *Times* plant.

First Semester Honor Roll—Behrens, Bratspis, Colen, Finkelstein, Flug, Freund, Gilbert, Heitner, Knutsen, S. K. Levine, Malina, Munisteri, Perlman, Pollack, Rosen, Segal, Shear, Williamson

Band—Denmark, Marks

Orchestra—Denmark, Munisteri

Glee Club—Delmhorst, Ducker, Finkelstein, Fox, Fuller, Hall, D. Howie, J. Howie, Malhame, Pollack, Purpura, Raycroft, Segall, Smoller, Williamson

Dramatic Club—Gilbert, Perlman

VARSITY SPORTS

Football—Kaufman, Welles

Soccer—J. Howie, J. Nahon

Cross Country—Yates

Basketball—Kaufman, Malhame

Board Track—Louis, Smoller, Walker

Swimming—Flug, P. Giustra, Nelson, Segall, Williamson

Wrestling—B. Ducker, A. Purpura, R. Schoenemann, Welles

Rifle—Freund

Third Form

President.....LUTHER WARREN

Secretary-Treasurer.....JAMES KARTELL

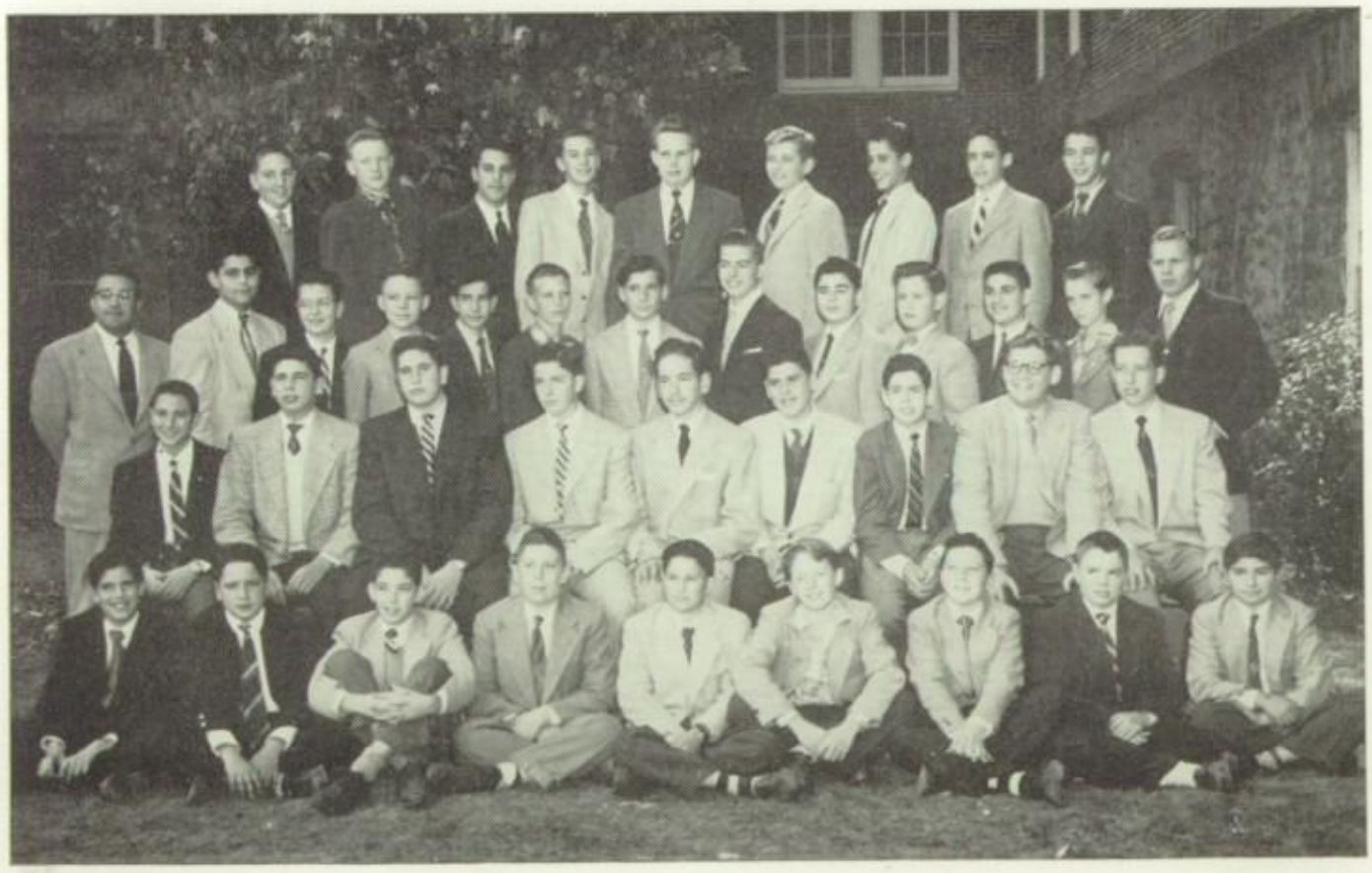
Blue Leader.....VINCENT CHIARELLO

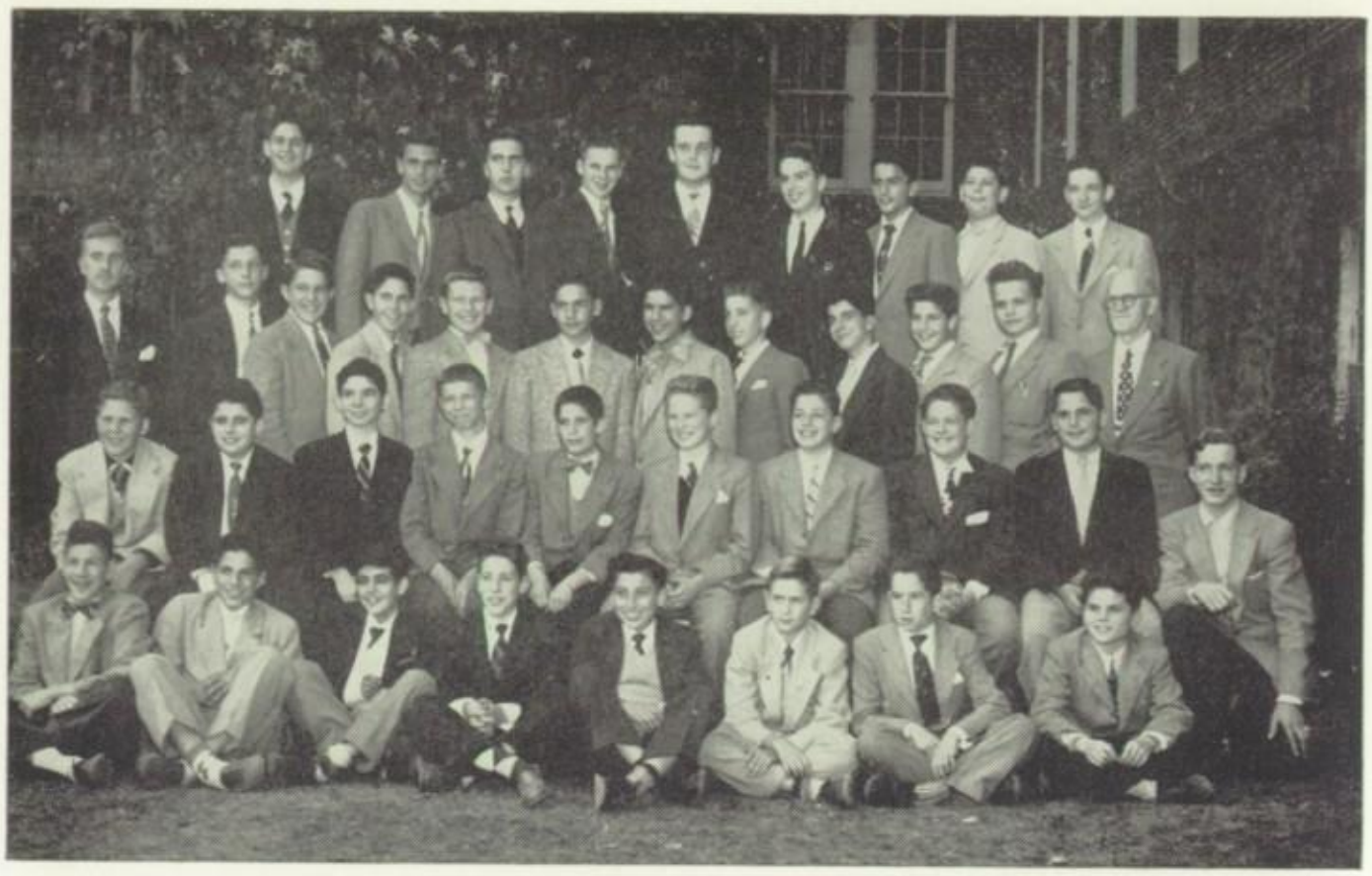
Gray Leader.....JEROME PEARLMAN

Size of Class—76

THIS year's third form, in addition to its regular curriculum, experienced something new. Under the direction of Dr. Nicholson, we spent our "home-room" periods for a very constructive purpose. For three successive weeks we heard speakers from the upper school tell their part in school life. Tom Schoenemann spoke on the Oasis, Harold Davis spoke on the POLYGLOT, Peter Bermas spoke on the *Polygon*. These speeches informed us about the many diversified fields of activity open to boys in the school. Also in our "home-room" periods, we had panel discussions in which we all obtained a chance to express ourselves. Dr. Nicholson also introduced "mark-sheets" for the purpose of putting down one's goal in a subject and then trying to achieve that goal. We found that if we had a definite purpose, and worked to that end, we would have a good chance to achieve it. Roger Bermas, Gordon Fitch, and Stephen Lebowitz contributed art work to the POLYGLOT. James Zirin was appointed third form representative to the yearbook. For the Thanksgiving program Zirin recited Joseph Auslander's "A Prayer for Thanksgiving" in chapel. George McKenzie was our representative to the newly created Oasis-Student Advisory Council. A committee consisting of Briger, Kartell, Pearlman, Tolk, and Yahr collected funds to buy an automatic record changer phonograph and records for our classmate Russell Trauerts, who contracted polio in September. Fiske Warren won the middler squash tournament. Eleven third formers

Back—Gershman, G. Johnson, Briger, Beckler, Gustafsson, Gianini, Calderone, Goodman, V. Chiarello. *Third*—Mr. Sandrilla, T. Awad, Giddings, Fitch, Caruso, Lebowitz, Elkins, Kressierer, Dolica, K. Bratspis, DeMarco, DeWitt, Mr. Metz. *Second*—Glick, Bernstein, J. Couri, Gurland, Hyman, Abramowitz, Finker, Kartell, W. Johnson. *Front*—Fishman, Lazzaro, R. Bermas, J. Feldman, D. Heymann, Grace, Cecere, Hunter, LaFiandra.





Back—Malin, Oremland, McKenzie, Shwom, O'Neill, McNamara, Lifton, Tolk, Wilson. *Third*—Mr. Carter, Warren, Zola, Sandler, McKee, Levine, D. Sherman, Wachs, Marchione, Pearlman, Leiper, Dr. Nicholson. *Second*—Scheff, Minnella, Rosenberg, Zeiter, Zirin, Pickens, Nova, Lowenstein, Robbins. *Front*—Lipson, N. Sirianni, Mormando, Zamore, Montalbano, T. Swift, Rich, Siviglia, Wheatley.

participated in the Middler Science Club. There were eight boys who took part in the Current Events Club.

First Semester Honor Roll—R. Bermas, K. Bratspis, DeWitt, Glick, LaFiandra, McKenzie, Pickens, S. Rosenberg, Sandler, Siviglia, Tolk, Warren, Zirin

Band—Lowenstein

Orchestra—Tolk

Middler Glee Club—Beckler, Gershman, Gianini, Goodman, Gurland, G. Johnson, W. Johnson, Nova, O'Neill

Third Form Newspaper—Fitch, Lifton, McNamara, Pickens, Sandler, Wachs, Zirin

Varsity Wrestling—Chiarello

Varsity Swimming—Bernstein

ATHLETICS

The third form had two teams, track and basketball. The track team competed in five meets, losing four and winning one. The basketball team played five games, also losing four and winning one.

Second Form

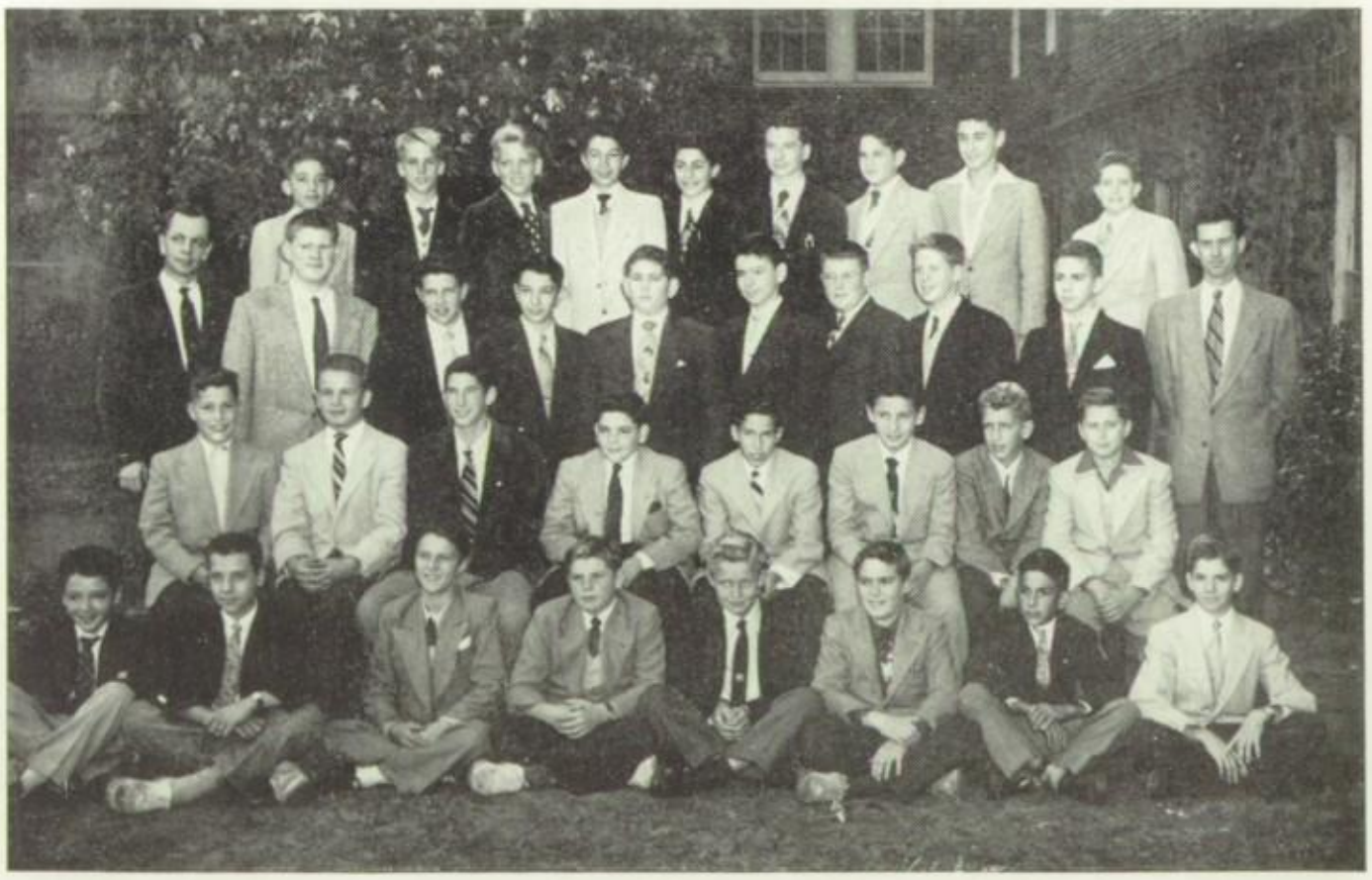
President ..... CHARLES FRANCO
Vice President ..... STEPHEN HERSH
Secretary-Treasurer ..... ROBERT BROWER
Blue Leader ..... ANTHONY VALERIO
Gray Leader ..... BRUCE HENNINGSEN
Size of Class—67

THE 1953-54 second form was divided into four small home-room sections. The second formers took part in many clubs and activities and were also active in athletics.

Twenty-six boys initiated a chess club, whose members ranged from those who had never played before to experienced players. A tournament was held to stimulate interest. Twenty-eight puzzle enthusiasts banded together to form a puzzle club. Interest centered in puzzles of a mathematical nature providing a happy pastime. Second formers played an important part in the Middler's Dramatic Club, which put on two plays. Eleven boys were active in the Field and Stream Club.

The Student-Oasis representative for the second form was Robert Robinson, and the POLYGLOT representative from the second form was Carl Elligers. Other activities of the second form included Band, Orchestra, and the Middler Glee Club. The second form also did well scholastically, placing fifteen boys on the first semester honor roll. Four boys took part in the Middler Science Club. Charles Tarulli played a piano solo in chapel.

Back—Generalis, Henningsen, Westbye, Tarulli, LoCurto, R. Thayer, Gradinger, Hersh, Diamond. *Third*—Mr. Simonds, R. Wheeler, K. Andreozzi, Angeletti, Weiswasser, Corigliano, Ostergren, Lehman, Decker, Mr. Thompson. *Second*—Wagner, Drucker, Brower, Manne, Reiss, Groothuis, Strohsahl, Block. *Front*—Scialabba, Herbsman, J. Guarino, Sarrel, W. Johnson, R. Robinson, Hafely, B. Feldman.



Back—Purpura, Marlin, Franco, R. Feinstein, Sands, R. Seidel, Valerio, Bender, Braunstein. *Third*—Mr. Goodwin, Newman, Elligers, Fales, Jeffer, Zeeman, Magee, Miller, Donato, P. Kaufman, Mr. Robertson. *Second*—Leonetti, Harde, Giardina, Apostle, Weinstein, C. Cresci, Bluestone, Pensky, Rebell. *Front*—F. Levine, Spiritus, S. Wheeler, H. Siegel, Endresen, E. Khouri.

First Semester Honor Roll—Bluestone, Brower, Elligers, Franco, Groothuis, Guarino, Hafely, Jeffer, Pensky, Robinson, Sands, Sarrel, Seidel, Valerio, Zeeman

Band—Decker, Feldman, Hersh, Johnson, Manne, Pensky, Sands, Wagner

Orchestra—Feldman, Manne

Middler Glee Club—Sands, Valerio, Zeeman

ATHLETICS

The second form football and soccer teams each played only one game. The football team beat Trinity, 27-0, and the soccer team defeated Horace Mann, 2-0. The basketball team played eight games, winning six and losing only two to Trinity and to Barnard. They later beat Barnard, however, 51-30.

First Form

GROUP I

President ..... LAVINE, HORN, BERMAN
Vice President ..... SHARP, SCHOTTENFELD, ROBERTELLI
Secretary ..... ROBERTELLI, BROWN, CHERRY
Treasurer ..... LOWENSTEIN, ARIDA, LOWENSTEIN

GROUP II

President ..... CORT, MARTINSON
Vice President ..... BAKIS, NAPADANO
Secretary ..... GODDARD, SAYLES
Treasurer ..... RIEGER, RIEGER

GROUP III

President ..... RAYMOND
Vice President ..... KRAUS
Secretary ..... LANDESMAN
Treasurer ..... NESI

Blue Leader ..... LAVINE
Gray Leader ..... NESI
Size of Class—55

Back—Bero, Halperin, Julien, Kraus, B. Brown, Gebhardt, Arida. *Third*—Bakis, W. Guarino, Donovan, Greenstein, Berman, Kallhovd, Goddard, J. Couri, Mr. Conover. *Second*—Calhoun, Cain, Gertz, Clapp, Gromet, Bennett, LaMonica, Cherry. *Front*—Klein, Cort, Landesman, Horn.

Back—Wahl, Mansfield, Robertelli, Silberdick, Tartikoff, Millstein. *Third*—Lichtman, R. Nesi, Torning, Napadano, Sayles, Weiss, Rizzella, Mettler. *Second*—Raphael, Martinson, Nelson, Schottenfeld, Sharp, Raymond, J. Tuttle, Lavine, C. Rieger. *Front*—Lowenstein, Sweedler, Siegle, Walker.

ACTIVITIES

THREE drives were put on by the first form. Clothing was collected for the Harriman Farm School and for a needy family in Kentucky. The first form also spearheaded the March of Dimes in the lower school. The most popular activities were chess and checkers. Richard Calhoun and John Couri, president and vice president respectively of the Lower School Council, were also the lower school members of the Student-Oasis Council. There were twenty-two first formers in the Concert Boys Singers. Landesman was the first form representative on the POLYGLOT. Lavine was in the band. The first form has participated in lower school meetings in which much work has been done on good relationships.

Social studies projects have made interesting the study of China and India. A play, *The Knave of Hearts,* a fantasy, was put on in chapel by the first form. The lower school soccer team, captained by William Raymond, had a game with John's Club, ending with a tie score, 2-2.

LOWER SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

President.....WALTER GUARINO

Secretary.....ROBERT MARTINSON

Members

Berman
Calhoun
Goddard
Horne
Nesi
Raymond

Sixth Grade

	GROUP I	GROUP II	GROUP III
President	D. FEARON C. BERTSCH	L. OLSEN B. BOLSTAD	B. MARCUS C. BLACKWELL
Vice President	M. MARCUS S. MITCHELL	B. DE LUCA J. BERKMAN	R. FISHER E. MERHIGE
Secretary	N. SCHENCK R. PERRY	S. KAUFMAN R. ROSENBERG	S. SOLOMON R. BERG
Treasurer	L. STRONGIN J. ROMANS	J. RIZZUTI M. CAGAN	J. MAGLIOCCO T. GOULD

Blue Leader ..... G. RIZZUTI

Gray Leader ..... J. MAGLIOCCO

Size of Class—44

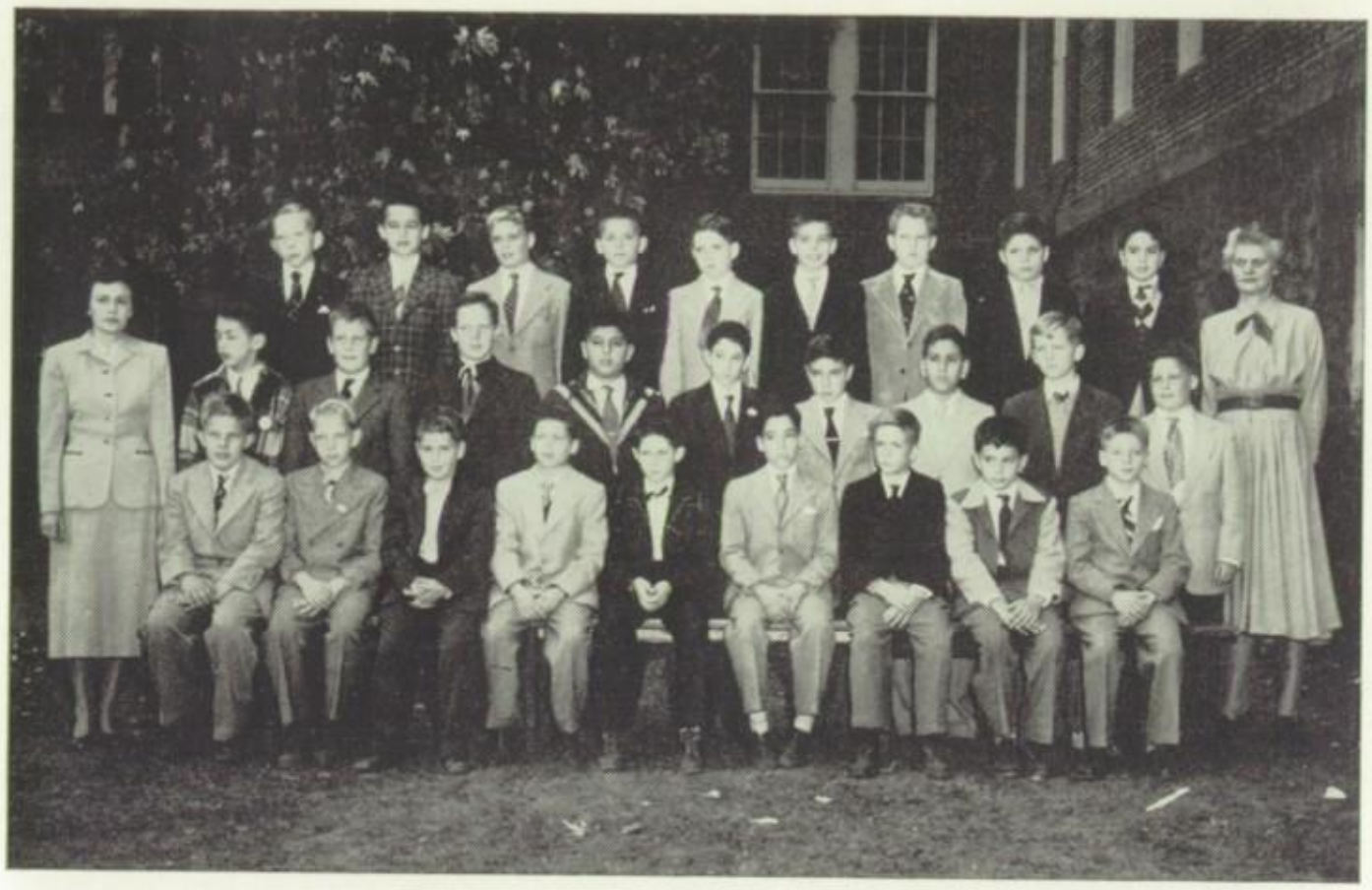
THIS year the sixth grade, divided into three sections, participated in many interesting activities. Clubs formed were the book club, stamp club, chess club, photography club, and music club, all of which were successful. In connection with music the class also formed a band which played three selections in chapel. In addition, twelve boys were in the Concert Boy Singers.

An important project was the blackboard drawing. All boys participated in the planning and executing of scenes from life in certain periods studied in social studies.

Every Thursday morning class meetings were held in order to discuss school and classroom problems. Good citizenship was developed through these meetings.

The class went on two trips; they attended a baseball clinic, and went to various museums. Perry, Rosenberg, B. Marcus, and M. Marcus were in the band. Kamen was in the orchestra.

Back—T. Tuttle, Goldberg, Ferayorni, Beren, M. Marcus, Bertsch, DiGregorio, D. Awad, Jensen, Mitchell. *Third*—Feingold, Perry, B. Marcus, Magliocco, R. Fisher, Cagan, C. Ames, Berg, Solomon, Kamen. *Second*—Blackwell, Bentley, Bolstad, Rosenberg, Rizzuti, S. Kaufman, Scheinman, S. Heyman, Gould, Khouri, Schiraldi. *Front*—Strongin, DeLuca, Berkman, Smolowe, Wollman, Schenck, Sullivan, Panoff, Fearon, Olsen.



Back—Johansen, P. Cresci, J. Robinson, Cobb, Reilly, Linn, O'Donnell, Pico, Glassman, Miss Ellis. *Second*—Mrs. Lamb, Bloom, Love, Simonsen, Corrado, Sahn, G. Sherman, Hamway, McLellan, R. Chiteman. *Front*—Samuelsen, Berzins, Silver, Butera, Sottnek, Herman, Graham, Keck, Camiel.

Fifth Grade

	GROUP I	GROUP II
President	F. Love	P. Cresci
Vice President	G. Sherman	P. Sottnek
Secretary	A. Keck	C. Johansen
Treasurer	A. Graham	I. Berzins
Blue Leader		P. Cresci
Gray Leader		G. Sherman

Size of Class—27

TRIPS

THE fifth grade went on three trips. In November the boys visited the Hayden Planetarium to see "From Galileo to Mt. Palomar." In the spring they made excursions to the Museum of Natural History and to the Botanic Garden.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The class completed many social studies activities, including papier maché maps of North and South America, a large clay model of the capital city of the Aztecs, Tenochtitlán, large wall panels showing the early history of our country, and clay models and drawings of various types of geographical formations.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The class also issued a magazine with stories, reports, riddles, and pictures. Boys participated in the stamp and model clubs, and found chess an extremely popular pastime.

Tracing the Philippines

Bermas digs in

Let's not be childish about this

Well, if you want my opinion . . .

Confab on teachers

Legs up

Behrens supervises ramrod action

Who, me?

Lille forced to study

Marlin and Couri attempt to lift egg

Lower school lunch line

Arithmetic must be fun

How can they eat that much?

Honest, I didn't mean to make that crack

It's not that hard

Davis collects protection money

Dapper Kwass

Now be natural

Typical hardworking Poly boys

Coach Metz

Soph at work

Operating Poly's communication system

Bratspis startled

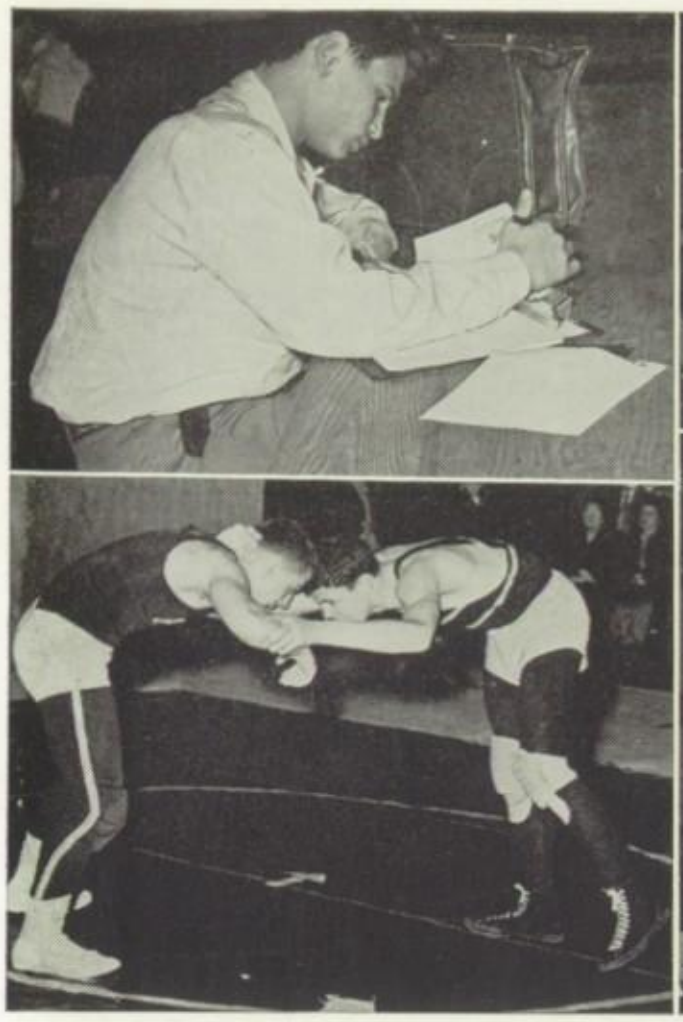
Solomon trains for tennis

McKee opens mouth

Giddings studies nails for test

Sandler is suspicious

Cabinet-maker Napadano



Mel grinds

Hertz likes to pay attention

Head to head

Zeiter throws in the sponge

Goodman bites back

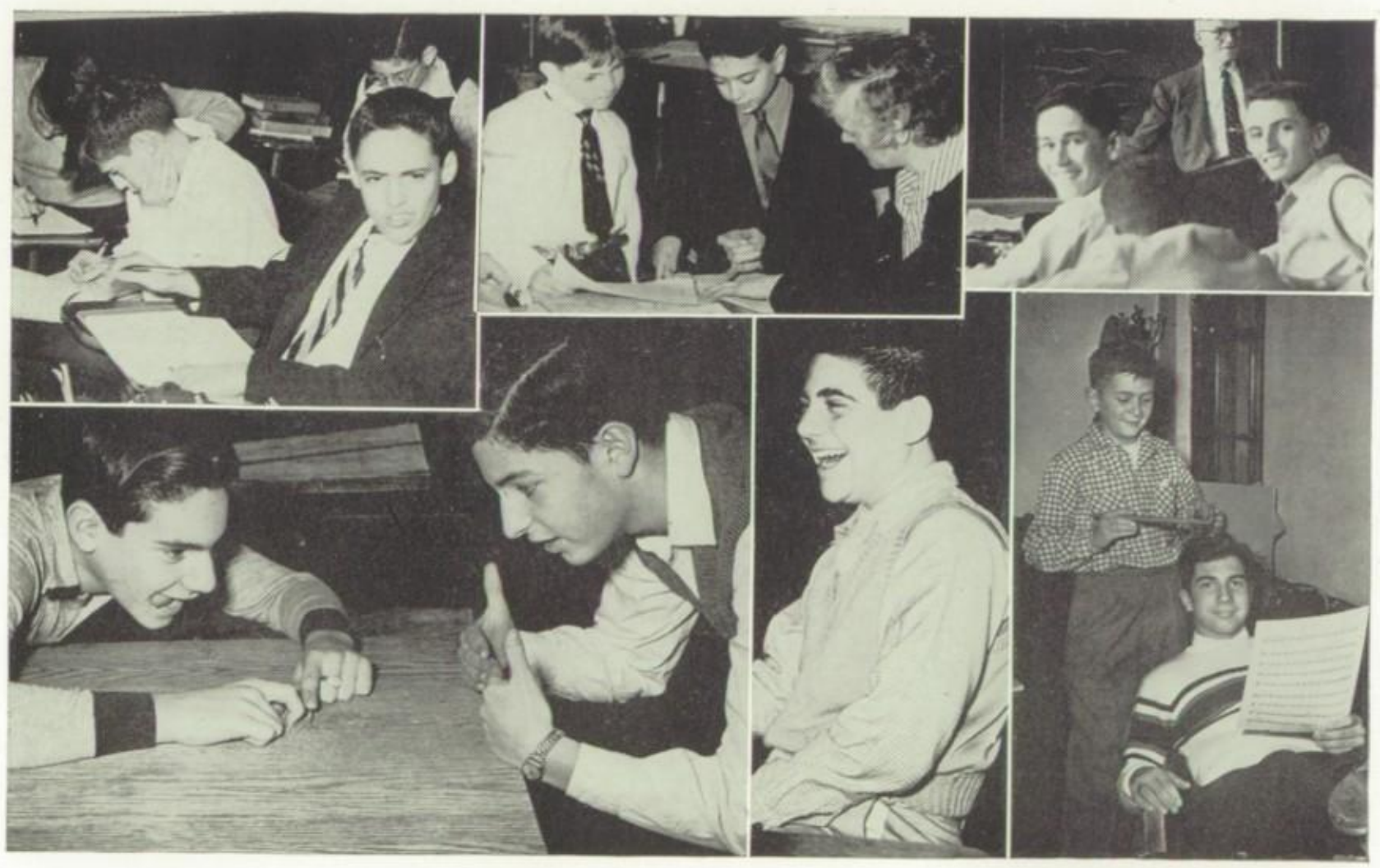
Miss Ellis instructs

Stop ignoring your teacher

Levine making the conversion

DeMarco thinks it's funny

Swift doesn't like music



Here or nowhere is thy Ideal: work it out therefrom;
and working, believe, live, be free

Activities

Through the Years

For years *societies or activities were discouraged as being detrimental to school work. The school did not recognize organizations until the debating club of 1885.*

Little is known *about the Franklin Literary Society organized in 1864 that met for a few years in the chapel.*

The Polytechnic Debating Society, *organized December 1875 for "social and intellectual advantages" by seven members including professors, had no official recognition. Debating became more important after 1885, and in 1894 became a recognized activity in the prep school. In the Long Island Interscholastic Debating League comprising Pratt, Erasmus, and Poly, the Poly Prep team won the championship for three consecutive years from 1902 to 1904. Debating teams continued until 1918.*

For many years *no publication represented the preparatory school, although the* Polytechnic *and the* Polywog *were put out by Collegiate students. In the fall of 1899 a movement was started that resulted in the publishing of the* Poly Prep *magazine. The first* Prep *was of twelve pages with no drawings, designs, or halftones. In 1905 when the change was made from bi-monthly to monthly publication, the* Prep *had a wonderful reputation until it ceased publication in 1918.*

The first POLYGLOT *in 1900 was only a special issue of the* Poly Prep. *Since that 24-page issue the POLYGLOT has given in permanent form a year by year story of Poly seniors, classes, sports, and activities.*

The **Polygon,** *a weekly newspaper, was inaugurated by Mr. Mitchell in the spring of 1914, putting out twelve issues. Today the* Polygon *runs twenty-five issues and is mailed to 2000 alumni.*

POLY PREP BOARD—1901

DRAMATICS DIRECTED BY MR. GOLDEN

A mandolin club *formed in 1899 gave a great deal of pleasure for several years. The earliest and most important musical expression appears to have been in choral groups.*

Following an *1887 club in the Institute, a Camera Club, organized in the school in 1898, gave annual exhibitions.*

An Electrical Society *proved to be one of the most popular and zealous activities.*

An Automobile Club *existed for those "who love to eat dirt and smell gasoline. Automobiling has become a pastime, and quite a number of the fellows have taken a keen interest in it." The club took a tour April 11, 1906. "About nine machines started.* All got back. *The club went to Amityville via the Jericho Road. They had lunch there and returned by the Merrick Road. On their way home they made a detour to Garden City, where Poly was playing St. Paul at baseball. The game was too long for them to stay until the end."*

Dramatics held a prominent place *from 1900 to 1915 with the successful productions of a Dramatic Association. In addition, the Oasis gave an annual play for many years, until 1922. Beginning in 1926 dramatic clubs under the direction of Mr. Clark put on fifteen plays, and more recently plays have been produced under the direction of Mr. Stanley Adams and several plays a year under Mr. Robert Simonds.*

The past ten years *have seen the advent of many activities less demanding than journalism and dramatics for both upper and lower schoolers.*

Cum Laude

FOUNDED in 1906 at the Tome School, the Cum Laude Society today has 153 chapters and over 29,000 members. The high school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, it represents the highest scholastic honor at Poly. Originally the Eta Chapter of Alpha Delta Tau, Cum Laude has been an honor achieved by 470 Poly seniors. Organized in 1908, Poly's chapter has had but three presidents. The first was its local founder, Dr. Hawes, who served until 1921, when he was succeeded by John Kirkland Clark, Poly '95. Mr. Clark served until this year, when Dr. Kastendieck took over. Dr. Van Vleck has served in the position of secretary for forty years.

The choice of members is made by the heads of the departments and the headmaster in accordance with scholastic records and character. The membership is limited to from ten to fifteen per cent of the senior class. This year, five boys became members in February, and four more were added in the spring. In May all were formally introduced to the Society at the annual dinner in commons hall.

Members admitted in order of their standing are:

Bruce Martin Freedman
Dunham Baldwin Sherer II
Norman Newhall Barnett
Paul Thomas Schoenemann
Ethan Roy Signer
Ira Harold Ames
Marvin Frederic Kraushar
Frederick Thomas Bond
Eugene Somer Flamm

Back—Dr. Van Vleck, Flamm, Kraushar, Ames, Bond, Signer. *Front*—Barnett, Freedman, Sherer, Schoenemann.

Back—Davis, Werner, Petchesky, Greeley, Sherer, Bond, Caselnova. *Front*—Signer, Schwartz, T. Schoenemann, S. Ducker, P. Bermas.

Oasis

SINCE the Oasis was founded in 1908, election into the honor society has been a highly prized award. Candidates from the senior and junior forms are put up for class election according to a point system. Membership in the Oasis signifies a student's participation in various school activities. The aims of the Oasis are to develop a wholesome school spirit, to support all the things that the school stands for, and to discover and encourage ability in all activities which the school fosters.

The society this year sponsored the visits of two foreign students from the *Herald Tribune* Youth Forum, Rasul Nizam from Pakistan, and Mahdi Baghdadi from Iraq. The Oasis Student Advisory Council was inaugurated to discuss school problems with Mr. Scull at regular meetings. In addition, the Oasis held the annual reception for new Poly boys to whom Oasis booklets were given, financed and sold football programs, collected money for various charities, and awarded prizes for the annual Oasis art and literature contests. They held a benefit dance for the March of Dimes, and sponsored other dances after the Dramatic Club's presentation, the Glee Club concert, and the Commencement.

President ..... THOMAS SCHOENEMANN

Vice President ..... STEVEN DUCKER

Secretary ..... PETER BERMAS

Treasurer ..... WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

Faculty Adviser ..... MR. RICHARD GOLDING

Members in order of their admission: Steven Ducker, Ethan Signer, William Schwartz, Fred Werner, Thomas Schoenemann, Peter Bermas, Harold Davis, Harry Petchesky, Edward Caselnova, Joel Greeley, Thomas Bond, Dunham Sherer, Paul Klotz, Leslie Silverstein, William Shapiro, Philip Lille, James Fawcett.

Polyglot

THE principal aims of the POLYGLOT have been to foster the traditions and to keep alive the memories experienced by the members of the senior class during their final year at Poly. This yearbook, a permanent record of school life to be cherished in years to come, is presented to the school by the senior class in appreciation for the education we have received.

Since its inception in 1900, the POLYGLOT has paralleled the growth of Poly and has constantly striven for perfection in the field of yearbooks. The first issue contained but the scantiest of material. In 1931 the format was completely changed under the direction of Mr. Walter Clark, the second faculty adviser, who succeeded the much-loved Mr. William Golden. During the past twenty-four years the emphasis has shifted to a more complete presentation of school life than in a wholly senior yearbook.

The POLYGLOT, now in its fifty-fifth year, commemorates the one-hundredth anniversary of Poly. An effort has been made to show some of the high points in the century and to stress the contrasts between former times and now. Diligent research pertaining to the school and to life in Brooklyn has been devoted to this end. The editors of the POLYGLOT hope that their efforts to uphold the traditions of previous boards have not been in vain and that the result will provide a fitting tribute to the Poly centennial.

May this volume create, cement, and increase a deep, sincere, and active school spirit!

Back—Swarzman, Flamm, Bogen, Karten, I. Ames, Greenberg, Signer, Caselnova. *Front*—W. Yahr, Sherer, Davis, Bond, Barnett.

Yahr wrestling with layout

Bunny types the yearbook

Little man giving orders

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The Polygon

THE *Polygon,* founded in 1914 by Mr. Mitchell, the present faculty adviser, was hailed as the first school newspaper in Brooklyn. The original idea was an experiment in motivation of English composition in the fifth form.

In the following years, the *Polygon* has achieved recognized leadership in school publications and has this year won the medalist rating in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the twentieth time. The paper has tried to enhance the prestige of the school by recording the achievements of Poly graduates.

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Orchestra

FOR over sixty years musical organizations at Poly except for choral groups, had a spasmodic existence. The orchestra was not firmly established as a school activity until 1920, but under the leadership of "Uncle Frank" Hancock the orchestra has become an indispensable part of school life.

This year as always, the orchestra has played at assemblies, the Fathers' dinner, and Commencement. This year they also played during the intermission of the Dramatic Club play. It has done much to introduce school songs to the new boys, and to develop a school spirit. Several members were chosen to play at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention.

President ..... WILLIAM SCHWARTZ
Vice President ..... BRUCE FREEDMAN
Secretary-Treasurer ..... EUGENE STOLER
Director ..... MR. HANCOCK
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Trombones ..... LEFKOWITZ, DENMARK
Violins ..... MEDLEY, MUNISTERI, TOLK
Saxophones ..... KARTEN, KWASS, MACKLER, FIELD
Oboe ..... KAMEN
Drums ..... FELDMAN
Piano ..... SCHWARTZ
Accordion ..... STOLER
Bass ..... MR. STEPHENSON

Back—Manne, B. Freedman, Lefkowitz, Denmark, Stoler, Medley, Tolk. *Front*—Schwartz, Kwass, Field, B. Feldman, Karten, Mackler, Mr. Hancock.

The Dramatic Club

THE Dramatic Club affords students an opportunity to act and produce plays, including set designing. Mrs. McBlair of the art department has been very helpful in her capacity of art director. This year's program was large and varied, consisting of two one-act chapel plays, followed by the major production of *You Can't Take It With You*. Two short plays were planned for the spring, *Dark Rider* and *Moonset*.

President: THOMAS WRIGHT *Business Manager:* OWEN HOBERMAN

Faculty Adviser: MR. SIMONDS

In the casts of *Refund* and *The Thing* were David Livingstone, Thomas Wright, Anthony Junker, Leslie Stark, Gerald Sonnenblick, Philip Lille, Michael Sussman, Richard Piccini, and Peter Gilbert.

Assisting in the production were William Caldwell, Leonard Seminara, and Harvey Rosenberg.

In the cast of *You Can't Take It With You* were: Mrs. Miles Kastendieck, Mrs. Lawson Robertson, Mrs. J. F. Scull, Mrs. Charles Goodwin, Mrs. William Eagleson, and Mrs. Frank Exline of the faculty wives, and David Livingstone, Thomas Wright, Philip Pearlman, Peter Gilbert, Philip Lille, Gerald Sonnenblick, Michael Sussman, Leslie Stark, Anthony Junker, Owen Hoberman, Leonard Seminara, and William Shapiro.

In the stage and production crew were: Herbert Carter, David Nahon, Harvey Rosenberg, John Mussio, Arnold Fisher, Joel Pokorny, Bernard Sarrel, John Dunnell, Mark Gebhardt, Edward Napodano, Paul Nelson, Michael Cagan, Sebastian Scialabba, Malcolm Thompson, Michael Solomon, and James Kartell.

In the cast of *Moonset* were David Livingstone, Thomas Wright, Anthony Junker, Peter Gilbert, Michael Sussman, and Malcolm Thompson. This play was produced in observance of Memorial Day.

BLENKINSOP. *Ask me questions, professors — I mean, long-eared asses! I'd like to see you get a single correct answer out of me.* (Anthony Junker, Leslie Stark, Philip Lille, Michael Sussman, Gerald Sonnenblick, Richard Piccini)

DEPINNA. *Tell me, Grand Duchess, is it true what they say about Rasputin?* (Richard Piccini, David Livingstone, Thomas Wright, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Exline, Leslie Stark, Mrs. Kastendieck)

KALENKHOV. *Grandpa, what do you think? I have had a letter from Russia! The Second Five-Year Plan is a failure.* (David Livingstone, Peter Gilbert, Leslie Stark, Philip Pearlman, Mrs. Scull, Mrs. Kastendieck, Michael Sussman)

ESSIE. *There was a letter came for you, Grandpa. Did you get it?* (David Livingstone, Thomas Wright, Peter Gilbert, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Kastendieck)

Glee Club

THE Glee Club under the direction of Mr. Lambert enjoyed a very successful season. Because of the especially large group of aspirants the quality of the club was high. First on the schedule of concerts was the Christmas program in assembly on December 15. Three days later saw the annual caroling through the halls of the school. On January 8, Poly joined in a sing at Packer, followed by a short tea dance. Then on January 18, a concert was given for the Men's Club of Christ Church, Bay Ridge. Following a second chapel appearance on the Washington-Lincoln Birthday program, the club ended its season with a formal concert given with the Berkeley Glee Club at Poly in May.

A quartet consisting of Schoenemann, Ducker, Signer, and Greeley was formed in mid-winter to add to the Polytones, a senior singing group started in the fall.

President ..... THOMAS SCHOENEMANN

Vice President ..... STEVEN DUCKER

Secretary-Treasurer ..... JOEL GREELEY

FIRST TENOR

Delmhorst	M. Freedman	Keliher	Medley
Fox	Greeley	Lessall	Williamson
Fuller	Groskoph	Lustig	

SECOND TENOR

Burch	F. Giustra	Malhame	Segall
Caselnova	D. Howie	Purpura	J. Swift
Dunlop	J. Howie	Raycroft	Tergesen
Fawcett	K. Howie	Schriver	Thayer
Finkelstein	Klotz	Schwartzwald	

FIRST BASS

Brodie	Fink	Levine	Seidel
Bryant	R.Friedman	Lundy	Smoller
B. Ducker	Gold	Pollack	Teperson
S. Ducker	Gurley	Rieger	Younes
Eber	Hall	T. Schoenemann	

SECOND BASS

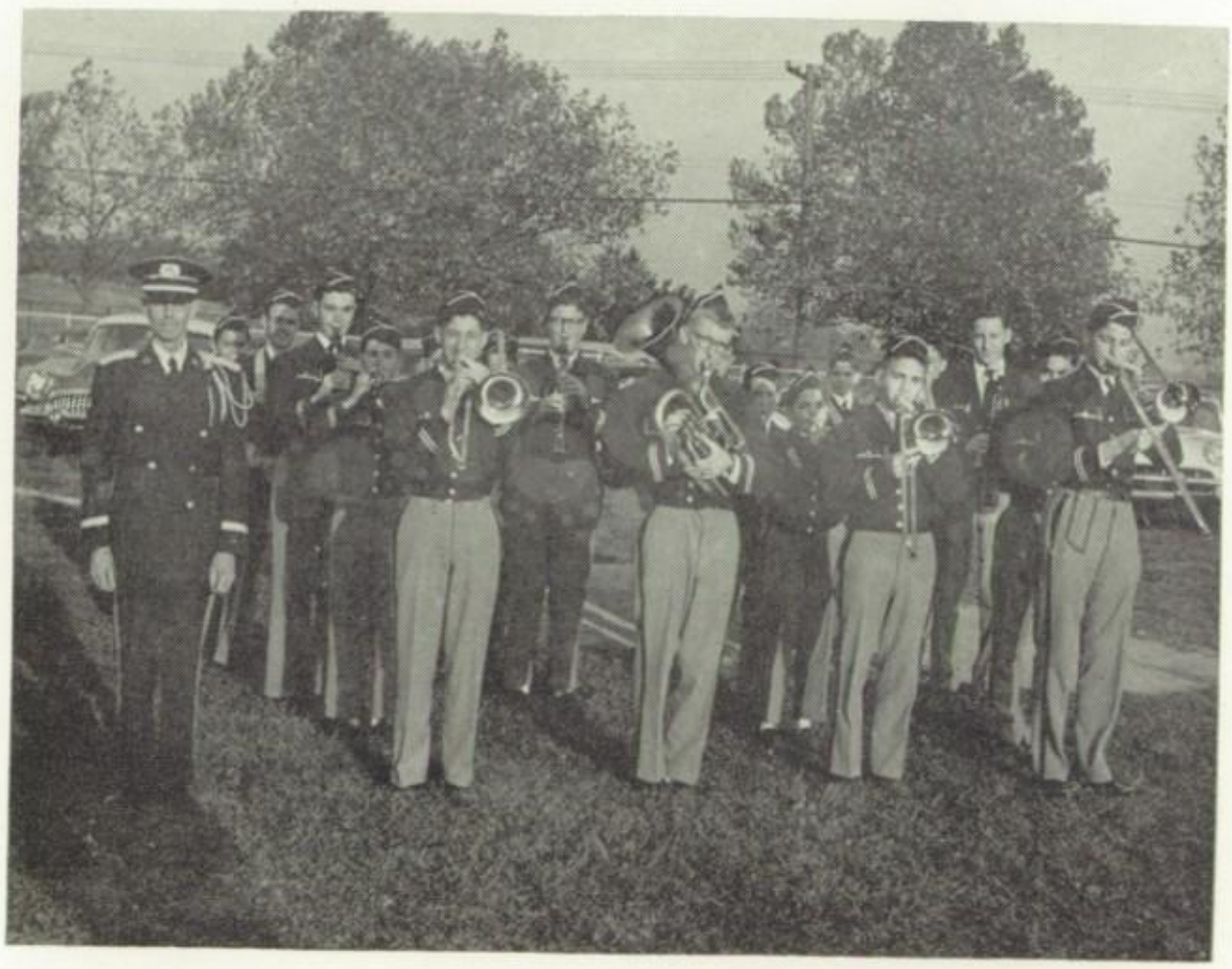
Camp	Grundman	Petchesky	Signer
Goldsmith	Nesi	Schwartz	Stone
	R. Perlman		

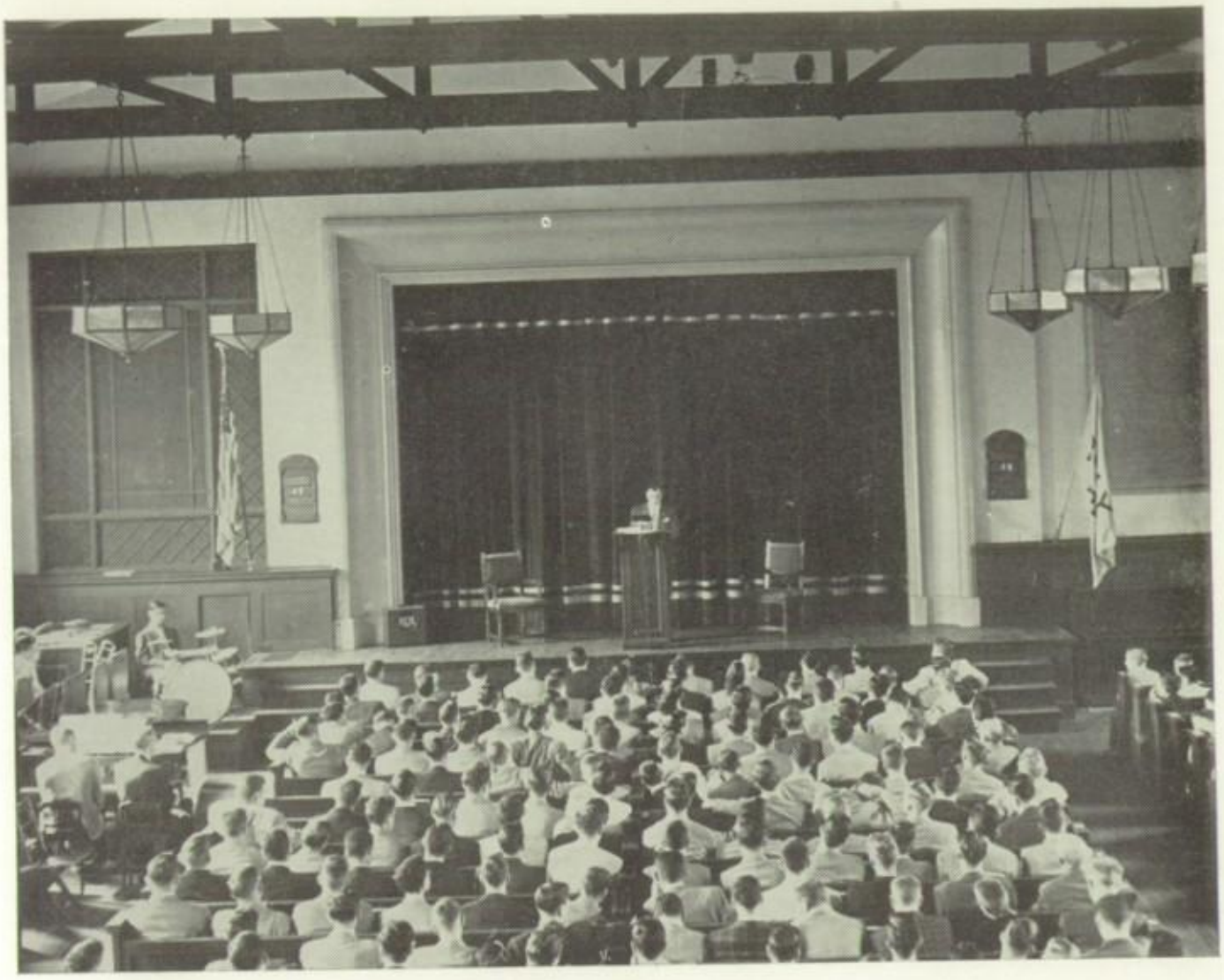
Band

ALTHOUGH a regular Poly band has existed only since 1937, Poly boys have never been lacking in musical support, especially for football. The POLYGLOT of 1902 reports: "On Thanksgiving Day, when our football team met that of Boys' High School, a committee from the class arranged for a band to accompany the Poly backers from the school out to Washington Park and play during the game. Shannon's 23rd Regiment Band was secured, and *except for some of the instruments freezing,* the affair was very satisfactory."

This year the school band again played at football games and rallies, thereby helping to support the team. They also made several chapel appearances during the year. Outside, they aided in public relations by playing at the Christmas tree lighting on Brooklyn Heights and at the annual Anniversary Day Sunday School Parade.

President ..... HARVEY KARTEN
Vice President ..... EDWARD CASELNOVA
Director ..... MR. HANCOCK
Clarinets ..... KARTEN, KWASS, FIELD, B. MARCUS
Saxophones ..... LOWENSTEIN, MACKLER
Trumpets ..... MARKS, FREEDMAN, CASELNOVA, JOHNSON, HERSH, M. MARCUS
Horn ..... MANNE
Trombone ..... DECKER, LEFKOWITZ, DENMARK
Bass ..... GOLD
Cymbals ..... LIST, ROSENBERG
Drums ..... KALISON, WAGNER, FELDMAN, SANDS, PENSKY, PERRY
Flute ..... LAVINE
Baritone ..... SCHWARTZ





Chapel

THE Memorial Chapel was built in 1925 as a tribute to the Poly alumni who lost their lives in World War I. On a tablet are inscribed the names of twenty-two Poly men.

Thomas Aller Jr.
Alexander Cronkhite
Bernard Eekhout
Ferdinand Frerichs
Philip Glennon
Frank Knight
James May
Frank McConnell
Joseph McKinney
Amherst Meeker
William Newcomb
Valentine Newton
Allan Niven
Malcolm Robertson
Fred Romeo
Robert Scott
Henry Smythe
Arthur Stevens
Charles Taylor
John Tierney Jr.
John Tyler
Clinton Whiting

The 1946 POLYGLOT was dedicated to the men of Poly Prep who gave their lives in the Second World War.

Carl Fischer Jr.
Edgar Bessels Jr.
Norman Doudiet
William Kloepfer
Stanley Sovatkin
Robert Bryson Jr.
William O'Connell Jr.
Theron Platt
Charles Brogan
Loring Lane
Robert McMullen
Francis Moore
Walter Coakley Jr.
Ernest Barker
William Bonnett
Howard Cropsey
Edward Clark II
Henry Lee Jr.
Edward Riley
John Cuningham
John Prosser
Stephen Ensko
Robert Hann
Joseph Nash
Alvin Pitkow
Robert Fifield

"And thus this man died, leaving his death for an example of a noble courage and a memorial of virtue, not only unto young men, but unto all this nation."

The chapel has served for a short religious service three mornings a week, as well as for special programs, concerts, and plays. This year one assembly a week was arranged by Mr. Lucas. In addition to school singing, there were student participation programs of music, dramatics, and speeches. Educational movies were shown on such subjects as American wild life. Among the speakers were the Honorable Frank McMullen, the Reverend Louis Hirshon, and Poly graduates.

Library

THE library has proved to be most important in school life. Upon its shelves can be found over 7,500 volumes supplemented by magazines and newspapers. It is now used for both study and relaxation. All the latest publications of interest are available. The extensive pamphlet and picture collection numbers in the thousands. For those who are making reports for various subjects, there is a reference collection considered by many one of the finest secondary school collections in the country. For those just interested in reading there is obtainable outstanding fiction for all ages.

Things weren't always the same, though, as this excerpt from the *Polywog* of 1887 reveals. "We want to say a few words about that hoary old farce, that moss-covered joke, that mouldy chestnut, our so-called library. Probably few students know that there is such a parody on a library attached to our school; but there is, and it even rejoices in a librarian. This great collection must comprise at least a hundred and sixty-three volumes, and covers every branch of literature. A close inspection shows that this noble accumulation contains U. S. Patents reports, *Rollo's Tour in Europe,* that great masterpiece of travel and adventure, and *Harry and Lucy,* that beautiful tale of child-life. We doubt whether any one of this generation ever saw the doors of these cases unlocked, and we suspect that the whereabouts of their keys, is as much of a mystery, as is the location of the grave of Moses. There is a dim tradition that in days of yore those model students who had averaged 100 in everything for 8 or 10 years were permitted to gaze on the pages of *Harry and Lucy,* to thrill their beings with Rollo's perilous adventures, to gorge themselves with the patent reports."

Keep your distance, Gene
Gene gets carried away

Oh, that sly smile
Complacent Klotz

There's that hand again
I said, "We're going to Nedick's"

Dances

FOR nearly fifty years Poly's social life has been dominated by dances. In the POLYGLOT of 1907, appears this boast: "If there is he who dares say that the dance of the class of 1907 was not an overwhelming success let him stand forth. Even members of the class of 1906, who this year attended the dance of their successors, admitted that without a doubt, this last effort surpassed all others. 'Nothing can be more than perfect,' therefore the dance of the class of 1907 will never be surpassed."

This year's students can well question, however, whether any dances ever surpassed theirs. As usual, the social season opened with the Junior Prom held in commons hall on December 13. Leo Stone and his orchestra supplied the music for over 100 gay couples. Featured at this and all the dances were the bunny hop and "El Raspa." The decorations, put up with the help of Miss Rustin, turned the room into Davy Jones Locker. A treasure chest and fish net filled with balloons were outstanding features.

On March 6, the Oasis sponsored the annual basketball dance, held this year for the benefit of the March of Dimes. The evening was most successful as the team, playing one of its best games of the year, swamped Horace Mann, after which almost 150 couples attended the dance in commons hall. Steve Kwass and his band, composed mostly of Poly orchestra members, played and surprised all with their rhythm and polish.

The second Oasis dance, sponsored jointly with the Dramatic Club, followed the presentation of *You Can't Take It with You* on March 20. A third followed the Glee Club concert with Berkeley in May, and the season was closed with the Commencement dance on June 4.

Highlight of the year as far as seniors are concerned was the Senior Prom held at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Another wrestling award for Djerf

Bruno, the artist

Mahdi must be thinking about girls

The Gasp must be funny

"Dizzy-fingers" Schwartz

Oasis leaders

Organ recital

Playing for their supper

"Your reading power is above the comics"

Upper School Activities

PUBLIC SPEAKING—Meeting once a week in chapel, the senior public speaking group learned the fundamentals of voice, language, and emphasis. Each week the members prepared short speeches, which were then given before the group.

Sponsor: Dr. Van Vleck. *Members:* Barnett, Bond, Brodie, Caselnova, Djerf, Dunlop, Freedman, Groskoph, Karten, Sherer, Signer, Sonnenblick, and Wasserman.

THE CAMERA CLUB met to discuss photography and to assist in the two school publications. *Sponsor:* Mr. Desme. *Members: President,* Michael Hyman; *Vice President,* James Kartell; Albert, Bunsick, Feldman, Finker, Goldenberg, Kase, Lang, Press, Scheff, Siegel, Tolk, and Walker.

THE 'GON HEELERS, composed of twenty-eight sophomores who learned the fundamentals of journalism, helped in the advertising and circulation departments of the paper. The projects included writing for the April 30 issue of the *'Gon* and publishing a supplement in May. *Sponsor:* Dr. Kastendieck. *Members:* Behrens, Chiteman, Colen, Doenecke, Flug, Freund, Goldman, Haft, Heitner, Hempel, Jaffe, Kaufman, Knutsen, Koreman, Lazarus, Levine, Louis, Malina, Munisteri, Nahon, Orloff, Press, Rosen, Scharges, Segal, Seley, Shear, and Spanier.

THE RED CROSS SAFETY CLUB provided instruction in rescue, artificial respiration, and use of small rescue craft. *Sponsor:* Mr. Metz. *Members:* Aiello, Beckler, Bouton, Chiarello, C. Cresci, A. Cresci, T. Fisher, Giddings, Goodman, Gustafson, W. Johnson, Latteri, Lipson, Leiper, Naiman, Nova, Oremland, Pearlman, Robbins, Schoenfield, and Wheatley.

Briger paints polar bear

Uncle Francis hears sour note

ART GROUPS met regularly for the first time in several years. Each boy specialized in that field in which he was interested, and several assisted in the art work of the POLYGLOT. *Sponsor:* Mr. Wright. *Members:* Bruno, Colen, Gerardi, Kane, Morrison, Mussio, Nahon, Silverstein, and Teperson.

THE UPPER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB met and held a tournament, the winner of which was Michael Altman of the fifth form. *Sponsor:* Mr. Case. *Members:* Altman, Brody, Brown, Gerardi, Hart, Hempel, Kalison, Kase, Lange, J. Nahon, Schwartz, Sloate, and Wurtzel.

THE CURRENT EVENTS CLUB met to discuss topics of current interest in panel form. *Sponsor:* Mr. Thompson. *Members: President,* Hauptman; Daniels, Doenecke, Larsen, Meirowitz, Watkins, and Yahr.

Christmas Play

Under the direction of Miss Bowler, the sixth grade presented the annual Christmas play in chapel on December 18. The plays are given in cycles of six years so that the seniors may see themselves as they appeared in the production. This year the play was *Tommy Murphy's Christmas,* the same as presented in 1947. The music was under the direction of Mr. Hancock and played by the Poly orchetra. The scenery was designed and constructed under the direction of Mrs. McBlair.

Lower schoolers in the leading roles were: Bentley, Romans, Tuttle, Mitchell, S. Heymann, Perry, Beren, Magliocco, R. Rosenberg, Goldberg, Gould, Strongin, Panoff, Berggren, Bertsch, Ferayorni, C. Ames, Blackwell, Marcus, Rizzuti, Khouri, Cagan, Wollman, and Feingold.

Seniors seeing themselves as they were in 1947: Ames, Bond, Brodie, Caselnova, Davis, DeBrovner, Fawcett, Groskoph, Keliher, Livingstone, F. Rieger, T. Schoenemann, Schwartz, and Sherer.

Miss Bowler's Glee Club

Wolf bait

Santa Claus and friend

Middler Activities

THE FIELD AND STREAM CLUB met to share outdoor experiences and to listen to illustrated talks by the members. *Sponsor:* Mr. Lucas. *Members:* Cecere, Dolica, Elkins, Hertz, Heymann, McKee, Siviglia, T. Swift, Block, Braunstein, Harde, Henningsen, Newman, Ostergren, Purpura, Robinson, Seidel, and Weinstein.

THE STAMP CLUB meetings consisted of exchanging stamp news and bartering among the members. *Sponsor:* Mr. Sandrilla. *Members:* Abramowitz, Cecere, DeWitt, Elligers, Giardina, Henningsen, Lazarus, Miller, Rich, Robinson, Tarulli, Wheeler, and Zamore.

THE CURRENT EVENTS CLUB met to discuss topics chosen by the members and to hold open debates. *Sponsor:* Mr. Thompson. *Members:* Chiarello, Couri, Kressierer, Fitch, McKee, McNamara, and Yahr.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB proved very successful. Highlight of the season was the production in chapel of *Helena's Husband* on February 9. *Sponsor:* Mrs. Adler. *Members:* Bluestone, Glick, Lehman, LaFiandra, Scialabba, Westbye, and Zeiter.

THE SCIENCE CLUB held meetings consisting of home made projects, experiments, talks, and posters. *Sponsor:* Dr. Nicholson. *Members:* Abramowitz, Chiarello, J. Couri, Feldman, Finker, Fitch, Kartell, Pickens, Sandler, Scheff, Shwom, Zamore, Zola, Feinstein, Jeffers, Levine, and Pensky.

Youthful chess enthusiasts

Running the gamut from "A" to "B"

Science club in action

Altman baffles Brown

Cups and Awards

FOR CHARACTER AND ACHIEVEMENT

HARVARD CUP—To the senior who has stood for the most in school and given promise of the greatest useful achievement in life.

1953—Richard Eubanks Fearon

COLGATE CUP—To the senior who ranks high in scholarship and who by active participation has won the school letters during his senior year in two or more different sports.

1953—Harlan Fiske Stone

EMMETT GOLD ROUTT CUP—To the senior who, together with loyal service to the school, has shown great scholastic improvement in his senior year. Given by the Poly Syracuse Club.

1953—John Francis McNeill Jr.

FROEB CUP—To the senior who has best represented the school in character and varied achievements.

1953—Peter Thomas Holmes

JOSEPH DANA ALLEN AWARD—To the senior who has the highest scholarship.

1953—Arthur Joseph Bellinzoni

JOHN DEE SEWELL PRIZE—For character, loyalty, service, and decorum. Awarded in memory of John Dee Sewell, '34.

1953—Malcolm MacDermott

FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE

SOVATKIN MEMORIAL PRIZE—To the seniors who have the highest scholastic records in English and who stand highest in an examination covering mechanics, composition, reading comprehension, and knowledge of literature. One hundred dollars divided among the winners. Presented in memory of Captain Stanley S. Sovatkin, '34.

1953—Alan H. Schechter
Michael Malina
Peter Liebert
Robert Harwood
Harlan Stone II

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE MEDAL—To the senior with the highest standing in science and mathematics throughout his school career.

1953—John Francis McNeill Jr.

MAYFLOWER AWARD—To the senior who has maintained the highest marks in American history. Presented by the Mayflower Society of America.

1953—Arthur Joseph Bellinzoni Jr.

ALVIN BERNARD PITKOW MEMORIAL AWARD—For outstanding excellence in Spanish. A medal presented by Maurice J. Karlin, '42, in memory of Alvin B. Pitkow, '42.

1953—Richard Amin Merhige

H. A. BUSCHEK AWARD—For excellence in the study of German.

1953—Peter Hunter Stone

BEARNS AWARD IN MUSIC—To the student whose ability has meant the most to the Poly musical organizations. A ring presented by Joseph H. Bearns, '95.

1953—William Schwartz

FRENCH AWARDS—To the members of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth forms for excellence in general knowledge of French and of the culture and the civilization of France. Five medals presented by the French Embassy in conjunction with the American Association of Teachers of French.

1953—Peter Liebert, *Sixth Form*

David Livingstone, *Fifth Form*

Ethan Signer, *Fifth Form*

Myles Behrens, *Third Form*

FRANK BAILEY JR. PRIZES—In memory of Frank Bailey Jr., '27. For faithful service to the *Polygon*.

1953—Alan Schechter

Lawrence J. Kobre

Jerome S. Ventra

Frances W. Patella

Best written stories of the year.

1953—Peter S. Liebert

BEARNS SPEAKING MEDALS—To the form and finals winners in speaking contests. Gold and silver medals awarded by Joseph H. Bearns, '95. The finalists:

1953—Peter Liebert, *Sixth Form*

William Shapiro, *Fourth Form*

Arthur Munisteri, *Third Form*

Barry Chiteman, *Third Form*

Steven Mitchell, *Fifth Grade*

Richard Perry, *Fifth Grade*

OASIS AWARDS—For the most original piece of writing. Five dollars.

1953—Clifford Kapps Eriksen

For the most original piece of art work. Five dollars.

1953—Sebastian Scialabba

FOR ATHLETICS

YALE CUP—To the member of the coming senior class who has made the best record in athletics during his junior year.

1953—Paul Thomas Schoenemann

PRINCETON CUP—To the fourth former who has made the greatest improvement in athletics during his sophomore year.

1953—Andrew F. Gurley

JACK JAMES MEMORIAL TROPHY—Presented annually to the most valuable member of the football team. In memory of Jack James, '29.

1953—Karl Ero Edward Djerf

HERBERT BOHNET TROPHY—Presented to the most valuable member of the baseball team.

1953—Richard Eubanks Fearon

Ronald Frank Judson

KOSTER MEDAL—For the greatest improvement in wrestling during the year. An award established by the Late Dr. Harry Koster in memory of his son, Richard Morton Koster.

1953—Karl Ero Edward Djerf

BAIRD TROPHY—To the outstanding senior on the wrestling team. Presented by Robert B. Baird, '42.

1953—Richard Locke Bell

SCOBORIA TROPHY—To the most valuable member of the track team. Presented by Mr. C. P. Scoboria.

1953—Ronald C. Pohls

TRACK AWARD—For the greatest improvement in track during the spring season. Presented by Miles M. Kastendieck, '23.

1953—Peter T. Holmes

CULLEN CUP—To the most valuable member of the basketball team.

1953—Ronald Frank Judson

WASHBURN AWARD—To the member of the rifle team who is "high gun" for the season.

1953—William F. Temple

GOLF TROPHY—To the winner of the school golf tournament.

1953—Alan Rosenthal

To speed clean out of the darkness of the mind into bright uplands of motion beyond desire: You are not boys running, you are life breaking free!

Sports

BASEBALL TEAM—1878

Through the Years

"To define America, her athletic Democracy."

While the official history *of sports at Poly goes back only to the formation of the athletic committee in 1899, there was, as might be expected, some kind of athletic interest from the time the school opened.*

The school *"has the necessary apparatus for the Swedish system of calisthenics," according to the catalog of 1863-4. Later issues of the catalog explain that "the trustees have recently erected a large and well-ventilated Gymnasium," and that "an experienced gymnast is in attendance daily to supervise and direct these exercises."*

Although no recognition *was given to athletics with the exception of routine work in the gym, the students, by 1880, sometimes took matters into their own hands. The first baseball team was organized in 1878, twelve years before the newly-formed Dodgers were to bring their first pennant to Brooklyn. The first football team followed in 1879, although football was not considered to be a school game. Every fall accounts of football accidents were read from the platform as a dire warning.*

A billiards match *between Poly and Adelphi is reported in the* Polytechnic *of May 1883. "Again does Poly lift up her melodious pipe to celebrate a well-won victory. This time she has taken the billiard cue in her delicate claw, and informed her Adelphian contemporary that he must eat a good deal more bread and butter before he again tackles the triumphant bird perched as champion on the ivory balls." Poly came from behind in both sections, winning the four-ball 200 to 192, and the three-ball 200 to 199, "one of the most remarkable scores ever made."*

Also in the same issue *was an answer to inquiry about the Poly* Lawn Tennis *Club. "This club was organized in 1882 and has grown in size and prosperity ever since. The meetings are orderly, interesting, and conducted according to strict rules." It had been only eight years since the first rackets and nets to be brought into the country were held up until New York customs officers could learn what duty to assess on the strange material. The equipment was used to introduce the new game on Staten Island in that year. Out in Bay Ridge stood the famous Crescent Club, a rendezvous where Brooklyn and New York yachtsmen and sportsmen would arrive by yacht or in tally-ho. Here was held the second Davis Cup Match in 1902, and here played such experts as Davis, Whitman, Larned.*

The students' first cry *for an athletic field is carried in the* Polywog *of 1888. "Many years ago the Poly was a rectangular building, with respectable yards on either side, in which the festive youths were wont to disport themselves without fear of breaking the sacred rules. One by one our pleasant yards were sacrificed, and wings to the building were erected. Thus our freedom was cut down to a minimum, and now our last resort is the street.*

Even there we are not exempt from careful oversight, lest we should wink at the maidens as they pass, or indulge in a game of ball. If the Poly feels jealous when she sees her sons leave her at recess, and finds them congregated near the Packer, she can only blame herself for not providing enough home attractions. In this connection we would suggest that the old church property adjoining us is still for sale, which once secured, would be the greatest boon ever for Poly students." The desire of the boys in the Academic grades for their own teams separate and distinct from the collegiate teams reached a culmination under the leadership of John Kirkland Clark, '95.

***The arrival** of Lawrence Cameron Hull ushered in the new era of Poly sports. Under his influence, the faculty, in 1899, "took another viewpoint and decided to recognize and assume control of the athletic activities that had been carried on wholly by the boys themselves." An athletic committee was organized which immediately took charge of all sports.*

***The inception** of the athletic committee had been hastened by the championship hockey team of 1899. This team was followed by the first "official" hockey team, and probably the greatest. Undefeated and untied the team of 1900 captured the Intercity Hockey Championship by defeating the Berkeley School of New York. Scored upon but three times the team set a precedent for the next five years in also taking the championship of the old Long Island Interscholastic Athletic League.*

***Four years after** its invention in 1892,* basketball *came to Poly. The* Poly Prep *of 1900 tells that "the team played a double header and, what is more, they won both games by big scores. The first game was against Manual Training at the old Thirteenth Armory, and the score was 18 to 3. In the second game our team took the place of the Institute team which was unable to play and beat St. Francis Xavier 20 to 4." One of the best teams ever was the 1906 team which won nineteen of twenty games and captured four titles. Not to be outdone, however, the 1909 team took all of its eighteen games to become "Champions of the East."*

FOOTBALL TEAM—1879

FOOTBALL TEAM—1888

The question *of a playing field had again come up largely brought about by the success of the* football *teams. By beating Boys High, the 1902 team earned a trip to Chicago to play Hyde Park. Except for the actual contest, the trip seems to have been very successful. "The less said about the game, the better," the* Poly Prep *reported, as the wide-open style of the Westerners completely outclassed Poly. Playing at the Parade Grounds and in Washington Park, Poly's teams were quickly becoming outstanding in the city. The football rivalry between Poly and Boys High School became the biggest in the history of the city. Originally played on Thanksgiving Day, this contest was switched to Election Day in 1907, when Erasmus took over the later date. In a short time after the championship of 1905 the athletic committee raised $41,250 to buy the land between Gravesend Avenue and Ocean Parkway at Twenty-second Avenue.*

"The property *has an approach from Ocean Parkway 90 feet wide and 400 feet long. At that point the field spreads out with dimensions approximately 500 by 600 feet. Since the field is so* comparatively near the school, within forty minutes *ride on a one-fare train, it is planned to be a place of recreation for every Poly Prep boy. The woods on the three sides makes an unusual setting. We can see the Poly field a place of beauty and delight, a great influence in the all-round development of the body and character of every Poly boy."* (Poly Prep *magazine)*

The field *came too late to save the* cross country *team which had been started in 1901 only to fade and disappear until 1917. The first run occurred on October 5, 1901, when "the fellows covered a three-mile course." The original purpose was "to be of great help to all track men."*

That the new field *was a help, is obvious in the records of the* track *teams, long a favorite. Good teams followed the purchase of the land and led to the championship team of 1910-1911. Victorious in the Princeton Meet indoors, and in the Amherst Meet outdoors, the team compiled ten records, the last of which fell only last year (1953). Three more championships were added in the next three years, highlighted by the winning of the Washington and Lee Meet in Virginia by "Bernie" Spence and François DuTremblay. Dual meets were all won, usually by huge margins.*

Originated in *1909 at Poly,* swimming *became a regular sport in 1912. In its second year, the team gained the championship of Brooklyn, and then, for the next ten years were champions of the entire city. During this period the team never lost a dual meet.*

Fencing *is one sport that has never taken a strong hold at Poly, but the five-year period from 1910 to 1915 produced very successful teams.*

In the last few years *downtown, almost all teams continued their enviable records. The 1916 football team won the borough championship by beating Boys High School, the cross country team captured its first Borough championship the following year, and the swimming team continued its excellent record. The move to Dyker Heights was made with predictions of great athletic success, many of which were fulfilled. In becoming a country day school, however, the schedules became less restricted to Brooklyn teams, and Poly became a power in Eastern Prep circles.*

The POLYGLOT of 1918 *sums up the students' approval of the new athletic system. "The nuisance of traveling from school to an athletic field has been entirely eliminated. Now on the school grounds we have at our disposal the best athletic equipment of any school in the city. It is simply a question of a few minutes from the time of leaving classes for a boy to be dressed and on the field, ready for any form of sport desired. The convenience of the facilities and the requirement that each boy exercise until five o'clock have greatly increased the interest in athletics so that now the physical development of the entire student body is taken care of instead of just a few."*

Championship football *teams continued to represent Poly at the new school. Captain Ken Lucas led the team to the championship in 1918, but this was followed by one of the greatest of all Poly teams, the 1919 team, which was unbeaten, untied, and unscored upon in its seven games. The 1921 team was also unbeaten, and set a school record in scoring by beating Adelphi 91 to 0.*

The last game *with Erasmus in 1921 was one of the most spectacular of the long series as Myron Ruckstull, with thirty seconds to go, drop-kicked a thirty-five yard field goal to win the game 3 to 0. The ball would have gone under the cross bars, but was deflected up and over by the Erasmus captain, in an attempt to block it.*

Great Poly teams *were ushered in by Jack James, twice captain in 1927, and '28, and holder of the scoring record of 118 points in one season. The 1930 team gained distinction through winning the Interscholastic Football Trophy. By beating Peddie, they conquered the team which was eventually to become the champions of New Jersey.*

Wrestling *has flourished at the day school. The 'GLOT of 1923 summed up the first good season: "There were no defeats to mar the fine record of seven straight victories. Of the seven teams which Poly met, four were college freshmen teams." Captain Ludeman set a precedent that was followed for nineteen years—namely, that as captain he was undefeated. Other sports added to the country day school program included lacrosse, soccer, and rifle.*

The year 1931 *saw the opening of the new gym. Originally, an open air building, with basketball being played in the present fifth form room, the gym was to become one of the best in the city. One of the main reasons for the building of the gym had been the championship team of 1926 which had filled the old gym "to the rafters."*

The 1930's *saw many successful teams, including nine straight undefeated track teams. Hockey was revived and lasted until the war.*

Since the war, *competition in major sports has been mostly in the Ivy Prep School League, against Adelphi, Horace Mann, Riverdale, St. Paul's, Stony Brook, and Trinity. Fourteen championships have been won—eight in track, three in baseball, and one each in basketball, tennis, and cross country.*

MR. JAMES CONROY
(Superintendent of grounds)

Football

ITS season unfortunately curtailed, the 1953 football team was victorious in three of five games. After a blazing start the team suffered two defeats only to bounce back to play its best game in what proved to be the last. A light, fast team found its best going with Karl Djerf up the middle, Andy Gurley around the ends, and Steve Ducker on reverses. Captain Vin Aiello was sidelined for the season because of an injury. Tom Bond, co-captain, proved an excellent leader.

A team of only seven lettermen opened the season by topping Stony Brook, 32-6. Led by Andy Gurley and Frank Grundman, who each scored twice, and Karl Djerf, who was unstoppable on plunges, the team scored in each quarter.

Against an undermanned Adelphi team, the Blue and Gray rolled to a 58-6 triumph. The entire squad saw action, and the play of the second and third teams was outstanding. Ducker led the scoring with three touchdowns, while Djerf and Chuck Kaufman added two each. Grundman and Pete Gilbert accounted for the other tallies.

Unable to halt a faster charging Riverdale team, the gridmen fell prey for the fourth straight year to the Ivy League champions, 21-6. Twice Poly was halted inside the ten-yard line, but late in the fourth quarter Ducker climaxed a 40-yard drive with a six-yard reverse to score.

Stunned by the defeat of the previous Saturday, Poly was upset by Trinity in the last minute of play, 7-0. Poor blocking kept the Blue and Gray backfield confined all day. Only once did Poly threaten, on a screen pass from Gurley to Djerf. Karl roared to the 4-yard line, only to have a 15-yard penalty

Back — Davidson, Jacoby, N. Feinstein, Lille, Kaufman, Barnett. *Second*—Mr. Parker, Djerf, A. Cresci, T. Schoenemann, Loughlin, Klotz, Grundman, Mr. Tuttle. *Front*—Fink, S. Ducker, Bond, Aiello, F. Rieger, B. Thayer.

Back—Mr. Tuttle, Nesi, Teperson, Sussman, Welles, Groskoph, Larsen, Chiarello, Mr. Parker. *Front*—Signer, Purpura, Medley, Stoler, Junker, Goldsmith.

set the ball out of reach of the goal line. An intercepted pass set up the lone touchdown.

Finally breaking loose in the second half, the eleven overpowered Horace Mann, 25-7. The team played to its potential for the first time. Good blocking broke Djerf loose three times, and the smashing fullback could not be stopped.

Djerf, recipient of the Jack James Trophy and All Ivy League honors, led the team in scoring, but Ducker, Grundman, Gurley, and Kaufman were close behind. Brad Thayer, Bob Loughlin, Tony Cresci, Tom Schoenemann, Paul Klotz, Neil Feinstein and all-Ivy League guard Jack Fink made up one of the fastest lines in Poly's history. At the ends were Fred Rieger, Frank Grundman, who later shifted to quarterback, and Phil Lille. Though light in weight, Jerry Jacoby proved high in courage by filling in ably at wingback. Co-Captain Tom Bond proved his versatility by playing four different positions during the season.

The following were awarded football "P.P.": Co-Captains Aiello and Bond, Cresci, Djerf, S. Ducker, N. Feinstein, Fink, Grundman, Gurley, Jacoby, Kaufman, Keliher, Klotz, Lille, Loughlin, F. Rieger, T. Schoenemann, B. Thayer, and Managers Barnett and Davidson.

The following were awarded regular "P.P.": Goldsmith, Groskoph, Junker, Medley, Purpura, Signer, Stoler, Sussman, Teperson, and Welles.

Coaches: Mr. Tuttle, Mr. Parker, Mr. Metz, Mr. Bonnano

Faculty Adviser: Mr. Bohnet

Co-Captains: V. Aiello, T. Bond *Co-Managers:* N. Barnett, A. Davidson

		Poly	*Opponent*
Oct. 10	Stony Brook	32	6
Oct. 17	Adelphi	58	6
Oct. 24	Riverdale	6	21
Oct. 31	Trinity	0	7
Nov. 9	Horace Mann	25	7

Aiello-Bond

CASELNOVA

Soccer

THE soccer team closed its season with a record of three wins and four losses. Its league record, however, of three wins and one loss was impressive.

In the opening game the booters dropped a close one to Pingry, 1-0. The Blue and Gray bounced back, however, and defeated St. Paul's, 4-0, and Trinity, 4-1. In the next two games Fieldston and Horace Mann overcame the Poly team. Fieldston prevailed, 1-0, and Horace Mann earned a 4-2 victory. Led by Alan Kane, the booters trounced St. Paul's, 4-0.

The soccer team lost its final game of the season to a well balanced Brooklyn Tech team, 4-0. The Poly booters were no match for the swift attack which Tech utilized.

Although the campaign was curtailed, Kane equalled the school scoring record of 11 goals in one season. The entire squad showed outstanding drive and team play throughout the season.

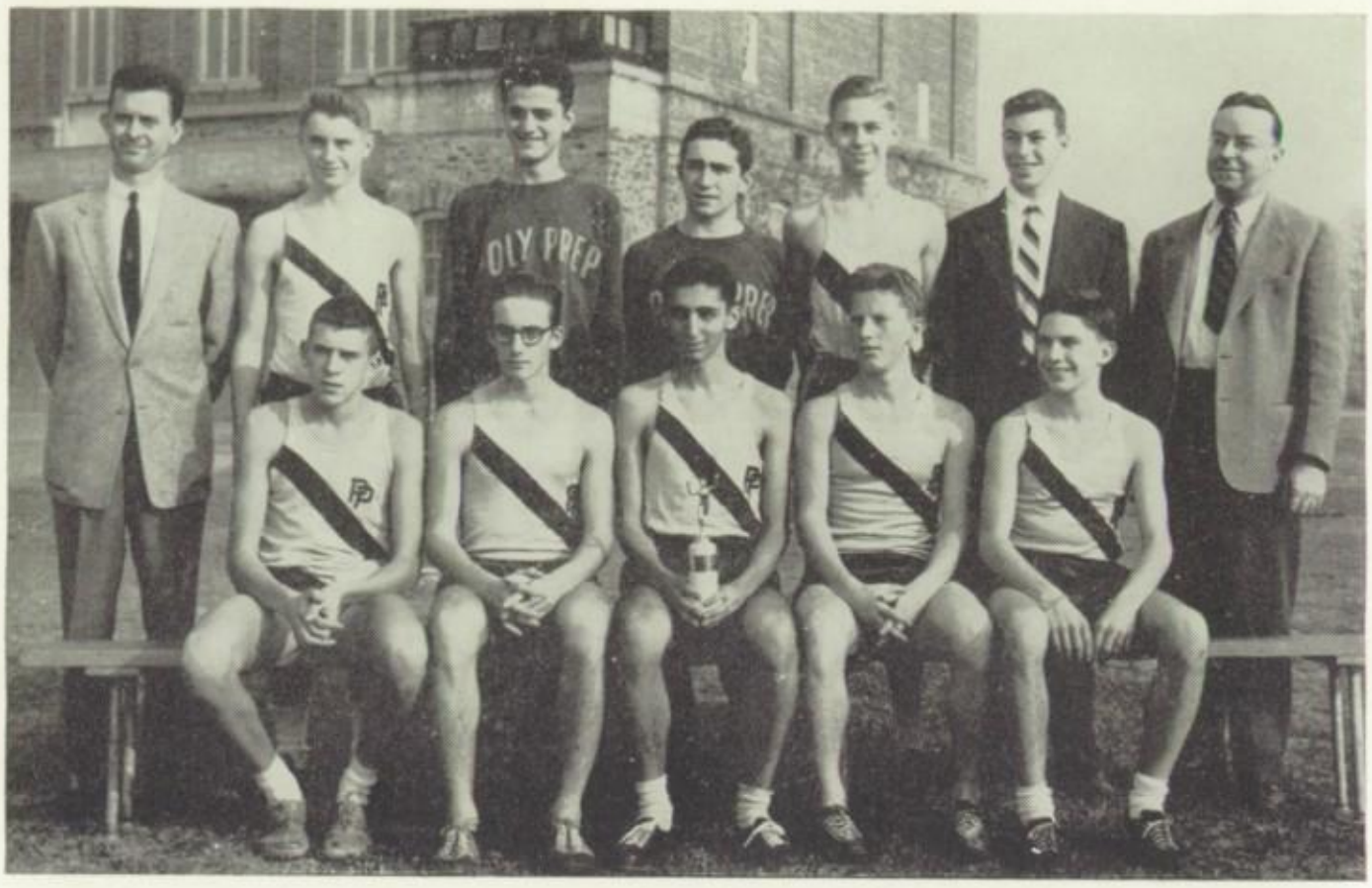
The following were awarded letters: Captain Caselnova, P. Bermas, Brodie, Davis, Fawcett, Field, Greeley, Hoberman, J. Howie, Kane, Lundy, D. Nahon, J. Nahon, Rosenberg, Sciortino, Silverstein, Stone, J. Swift, Wurtzel, and Manager Spark.

Coach and Faculty Adviser: MR. CARTER

Captain: E. CASELNOVA *Manager:* R. SPARK

		Poly	*Opponent*
Oct. 9	Pingry	0	1
Oct. 21	St. Paul's	4	0
Oct. 23	Trinity	4	1
Oct. 27	Fieldston	0	1
Oct. 30	Horace Mann	2	4
Nov. 4	St. Paul's	4	0
Nov. 10	Brooklyn Tech	0	4

Back—Brodie, J. Howie, J. Swift, J. Nahon, Sciortino. *Second*—Mr. Carter, Davis, Rosenberg, Fawcett, Silverstein, Stone, Field, Spark. *Front*—P. Bermas, Lundy, Kane, Caselnova, Greeley, Wurtzel, Hoberman.



Back — Mr. Thompson, Yates, Younes, Walker, Schriver, Felner, Dr. Kastendieck. *Front* — Bouton, Gillen, Bruno, Youngblade, Sonnenblick.

Cross Country

BY completing the season with an unblemished record, the cross country team had its most successful year in Poly's history. Along with an undefeated record in dual meets, the harriers won the Ivy League Championship for the first time.

In the opening meet of the season the cross country team downed New Utrecht by a perfect score of 15-40. In the second meet the harriers came up against Stony Brook, who had been champions of the Ivy League the previous year. Bill Gillen and Dave Youngblade tied for first and led the team to a 23-32 victory. The team extended its winning streak to three in a row by defeating Horace Mann, 20-35. Gillen, Youngblade, Captain Bruno, and Bouton captured the first four places, as the Blue and Gray easily defeated Pelham, 17-38, on the Dyker course. In the final dual meet of the year the harriers vanquished Trinity, 17-38.

At Van Cortland Park the cross country team captured the Ivy League crown for the first time. Bill Gillen again sparked the team and finished well ahead of the field.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Bruno, Bouton, Gillen, Schriver, Sonnenblick, Yates, Youngblade, and Manager Felner.

Coach: MR. THOMPSON — *Faculty Adviser:* DR. KASTENDIECK

Captain: J. BRUNO — *Manager:* R. FELNER

		Poly	*Opponent*
Oct. 7	New Utrecht	15	40
Oct. 10	Stony Brook	23	32
Oct. 14	Horace Mann	20	35
Oct. 27	Pelham	17	38
Oct. 31	Trinity	17	38
Nov. 7	Ivy League Meet—First Place	29	

BRUNO

Cresci believes in comfort

Gurley heads through the line

Little Hal kicks big ball

Nesi and Chiarello tote that bucket

Thank Heavens for elastic pants

Sig in aerial ballet

Yates enjoys life

George has helmets for sale

Howie hangs on

Steve breaks loose

Swift stoops to conquer

Ray spots a missed tackle

Ducker evades the headless tackler

Now, Norm, this is a football

Youngblade kicks it in

Grundman and victim

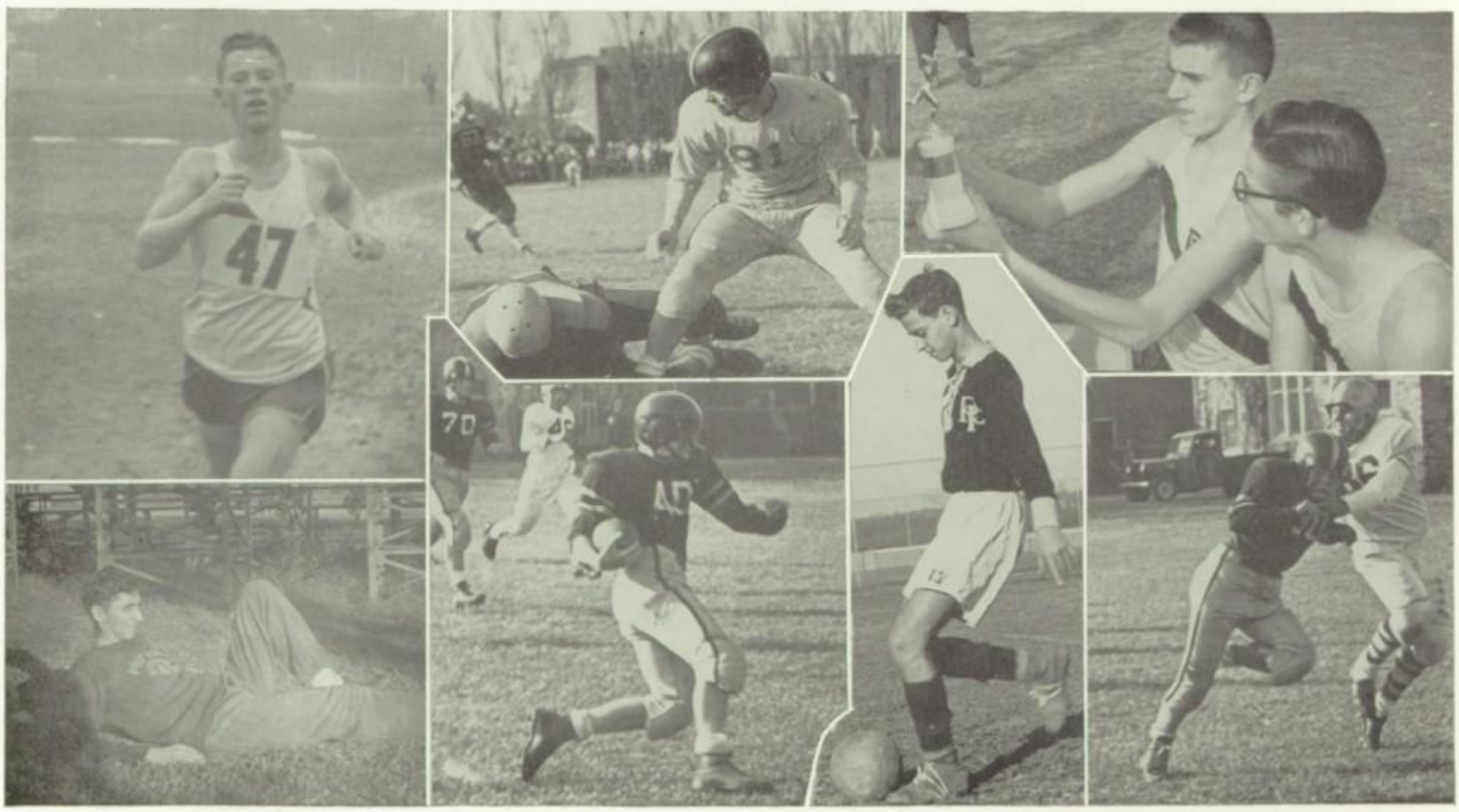
Bouton shows Gillen the trophy

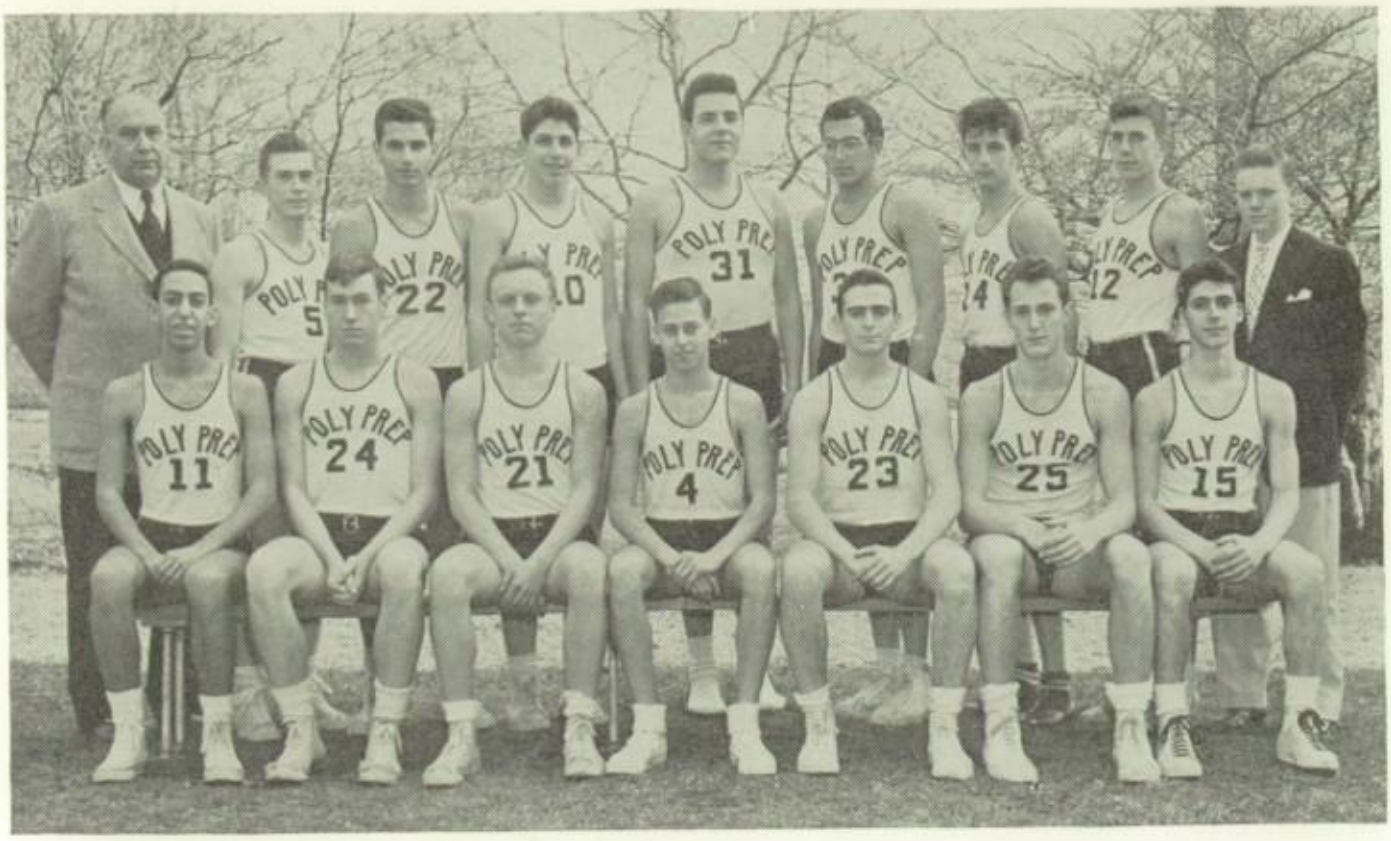
Capt. Bruno struggles through exercises

Gurley on end run

High scorer shows how it's done

Karl takes him out





Back—Mr. Westfall, Burch, Malhame, Wurtzel, Morrison, Altman, Fisher, Bouton, Tergesen. *Front*—Petchesky, Keliher, Greeley, Kane, Silverstein, Lille, Kaufman.

Basketball

REBUILDING for next year, the 1954 basketball team won six of its seventeen games, finishing fifth in the Ivy League. Coach Westfall, fielding his greenest team in years, had a nucleus of only three returning lettermen, Les Silverstein, Joel Greeley, and Phil Lille, around whom to build a squad.

After dropping the opener to Lawrenceville on the victor's court, 69-39, the team conquered the alumni in their annual game, 63-52. In the first Curtis Christmas Festival, the hoopsters were edged out in the closing seconds of both their games by St. Peter's, 56-53, and Rutland, 60-57. Suffering from a lack of experience, the squad was vanquished in its next two appearances by Trinity, 52-51, and Riverdale, 68-55. Against Adelphi, however, Phil Lille set a new single game rebound record by snaring 33 off the boards and scored 29 points to lead the team to a 75-52 victory. After losing to Rutgers Prep and St. Paul's by the almost identical scores of 79-58 and 75-58, respectively, the Blue and Gray bounced back to overwhelm Horace Mann, 65-43. Poly continued on the victory trail by routing Stony Brook, 58-37. After a 59-54 loss to Poly Institute J. V., the hoopsters wreaked vengeance on Riverdale in a return encounter, 66-61. The team was defeated by St. Paul's, 71-37, Horace Mann, 67-42, and Trinity, 67-65, but bounced back to win the final game of the season from Stony Brook by a score of 56-52.

Alan Kane was elected captain in midseason, and through his playmaking and markmanship he proved an invaluable asset to the team. One of the most encouraging signs for the future was the playing of Phil Lille, a junior, and Chuck Kaufman, a sophomore. Both were selected for the second All-Ivy League team.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Kane, Altman, Bouton, Greeley, Kaufman, Lille, Malhame, Silverstein, and Manager Tergesen.

Coach and Faculty Adviser: MR. WESTFALL

Captain: A. KANE — *Manager:* N. TERGESEN

KANE

		Poly	*Opponent*
Dec. 12	Lawrenceville	39	69
Dec. 26	Alumni	63	52
Dec. 29	St. Peter's	53	56
Dec. 30	Rutland (Vt.)	57	60
Jan. 16	Trinity	51	52
Jan. 20	Riverdale	55	68
Jan. 22	Adelphi	75	52
Jan. 30	Rutgers Prep	58	79
Feb. 3	St. Paul's	58	75
Feb. 6	Horace Mann	65	43
Feb. 10	Stony Brook	58	37
Feb. 13	Poly Institute J. V.	54	59
Feb. 17	Riverdale	66	61
Feb. 20	St. Paul's	37	71
Feb. 24	Horace Mann	42	67
March 3	Trinity	65	67
March 6	Stony Brook	56	52

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

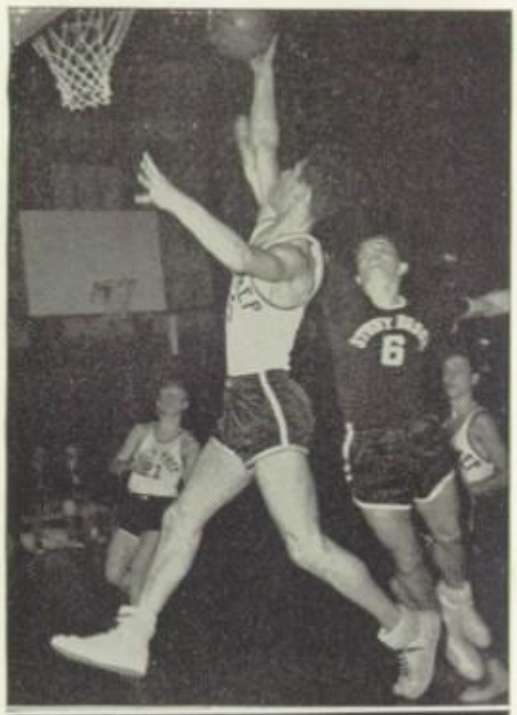
		Field Goals		*Free Throws*			
	Games	*Made*	*Tried*	*Made*	*Tried*	*Total*	*Rebounds*
LILLE	17	80	212	94	161	254	*249
KAUFMAN	16	109	234	29	68	247	87
KANE, Capt.	17	66	152	24	37	156	27
MALHAME	17	29	92	21	40	79	67
SILVERSTEIN	17	21	49	22	51	64	79
BOUTON	17	18	59	20	30	56	57
GREELEY	12	19	40	8	15	46	21
ALTMAN	11	8	32	6	10	22	9
MORRISON	7	5	17	4	11	14	26
BURCH	7	2	3	0	0	4	2
KELIHER	8	1	2	1	1	3	2
PETCHESKY	8	0	3	0	0	0	1
WURTZEL	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

**New record*

Chuck chucks

Smiling Lille hits again

Leslie lets loose



Malhame all alone

KLOTZ

Board Track

SPARKED by the running of Bill Gillen, who paced the squad in scoring, and Captain Paul Klotz, the 1954 board track team finished a successful season with a record of five victories and two defeats in dual competition. Gillen ran a sizzling 4:31.9 mile, knocking more than four seconds off the old time of 4:36 set in 1947. He also set a new school record of 2:00.1 in the 880, eclipsing last year's mark of 2:02.6.

Opening the season against New Utrecht, the team was defeated, 40¾-27¼. In the N. Y. U. Spiked Shoe Meet, however, the Blue and Gray garnered three points as Gillen took third place in the open mile. Against Xavier the squad notched the first victory, overwhelming their opponents, 42-26. After a defeat at the hands of Brooklyn Prep, 41-27, Poly competed in the National A. A. U. Meet, where Gillen placed first in the Prep School 880. The tracksters brought the season to a close with three straight victories, vanquishing Garden City, 41-27, St. Michael's, 20-5, and Horace Mann, 58-10.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Klotz, Bond, Bruno, S. Ducker, Fawcett, Fink, Gillen, Lindt, Louis, Smoller, Walker, and Youngblade.

Coach: MR. TUTTLE *Faculty Adviser:* DR. KASTENDIECK

Captain: P. KLOTZ

			Poly	*Opponent*
Jan.	19	New Utrecht	27¼	40¾
Jan.	30	N. Y. U. Spiked Shoe Meet	3 points	
Feb.	5	Xavier	42	26
Feb.	12	Brooklyn Prep	27	41
Feb.	20	National A. A. U. Meet	5 points	
Feb.	24	Garden City	41	27
March	5	Fort Hamilton	54	28
March	8	St. Michael's	20	5
March	10	Horace Mann	58	10

Back—Bunsick, Lindt, Felner, Schriver, Delmhorst, Sussman, Stone, Yates, Caselnova. *Second* — Dr. Kastendieck, Davis, Smoller, Youngblade, Medley, Spark, Louis, A. Walker, Manfre, Mr. Tuttle. *Front* —Gillen, Fawcett, S. Ducker, Klotz, Bruno, Bond, Fink.

Back — Mr. Metz, D. Howie, B. Ducker, Purpura, Lustig, Hempel, R. Perlman, W. Yahr. *Front* —Chiarello, Welles, N. Feinstein, T. Schoenemann, Djerf, Shapiro, Franco, J. Nahon.

Wrestling

THE 1954 wrestling team ended its season with a four-three record and third place in the first Ivy League Tournament, in which Djerf and Welles became champions in their weight divisions. Captain Tom Schoenemann and Karl Djerf completed the campaign undefeated in dual competition with ten and eighteen consecutive victories respectively. In the nineteenth Annual Prep School Wrestling Championships at Lehigh, Feinstein placed third, and Schoenemann and Djerf each took fourth.

In the opening match the team lost to a strong Fairlawn squad, 21-14, but bounced back to beat St. Paul's, 29-11; Poly Tech J. V., 26-6; Trinity, 22-16; and Horace Mann, 26-13, in succession. In the last two encounters Poly was edged out by Stony Brook, 23-21, and Scarsdale, 21-20.

The following were awarded letters: Captain T. Schoenemann, in the 156-lb. class, R. Schoenemann in the 103-lb. class, Chiarello in the 112-lb. class, Welles in the 135-lb. class, Shapiro in the 140-lb. class, Djerf in the 147-lb. class, B. Ducker in the 165-lb. class, N. Feinstein in the 177-lb. class, Purpura in the unlimited class, and manager W. Yahr.

Coach: Mr. Metz — *Faculty Adviser:* Mr. Case

Captain: T. Schoenemann — *Manager:* W. Yahr

		Poly	*Opponent*
Dec. 12	Fairlawn	14	21
Jan. 13	St. Paul's	29	11
Jan. 15	Poly Tech J. V.	26	6
Feb. 3	Trinity	22	16
Feb. 10	Horace Mann	26	13
Feb. 13	Stony Brook	21	23
Feb. 17	Scarsdale	20	21
Feb. 27	Ivy League Tournament	Third place	
March 5	Annual Prep School Wrestling Championships	Eighth place	

T. Schoenemann

Back—Mr. Sandrilla, Nelson, Wright, B. Freedman, Stoler, Grundman, Gold, Segall, F. Giustra, D. Nahon. *Second*—I. Ames, Livingstone, Dunlop, Lundy, F. Rieger, A. Cresci, P. Bermas. *Front*—Williamson, Flug, C. Bernstein, P. Giustra.

Swimming

HAMPERED by the loss of many of last year's regulars, the swimming team was successful in but one of four meets. Tony Cresci highlighted the season by establishing a new record in the 150-yard individual medley of 1:57. Mr. Sandrilla, the new swimming coach, has many good prospects in the lower forms, and he is looking forward to a fine season next year.

In the opening meet the mermen were defeated by McBurney, 43-32. Captain Al Lundy was a double winner as he captured the 100-yard freestyle and was a member of the winning 200-yard freestyle relay team.

After dropping the next two meets to Regis, 34-32, and to the Columbia Frosh, 45-29, the Blue and Gray outclassed Columbia Grammar, 47-27. The natators won six of the seven individual events and one relay for the only victory of the campaign. The team was defeated by Horace Mann in the final meet of the season, 47-28.

Rieger and Dunlop were the starters in the 50-yard freestyle. In the 100-yard freestyle, Lundy and Flug competed, while Ames and P. Giustra swam in the 200-yard freestyle. Other members of the team were Segall and Williamson in the 100-yard breaststroke, Livingstone, P. Bermas, and Bernstein in the 100-yard backstroke, and A. Cresci and Stoler in the 150-yard individual medley. F. Giustra, Nelson, and Gold were in the fancy dive.

The following were awarded letters: Ames, C. Bernstein, A. Cresci, Dunlop, Flug, F. Giustra, P. Giustra, Grundman, Livingstone, Nelson, F. Rieger, Stoler, Williamson, and Manager D. Nahon.

LUNDY

Coach: MR. SANDRILLA — *Faculty Adviser:* MR. BOHNET

Captain: A. LUNDY — *Manager:* D. NAHON

		Poly	*Opponent*
Jan. 19	McBurney	32	43
Jan. 22	Regis	32	34
Feb. 17	Columbia Freshmen	29	45
Feb. 25	Columbia Grammar	47	27
March 5	Horace Mann	28	47

Rifle

ESTABLISHING a new school mark of 905 points in a dual meet, the Poly rifle team completed a successful season. The squad, built around three returning lettermen, compiled a seven and three record.

Opening the season against Midwood, the Nimrods were triumphant, 868-852. The team continued on the victory path as they beat Erasmus by a score of 887-853. After losing to a strong Boys High squad, 891-867, the Blue and Gray trounced Lafayette, 877-748. In a triangular meet with Erasmus and Milford, Poly placed second to Erasmus with a score of 859 to their 877. Lincoln next went down to defeat twice in succession by scores of 885-829 and 905-852. The riflemen then conquered Midwood for the second time, 885-841, only to lose to Boys High in the final match, 896-867.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Davidson, Flamm, Freund, Kase, Lustig, Mackler, D. Seidel, Sherer, and Manager Kraushar.

Coach and Faculty Adviser: MR. GOLDING

Captain: A. DAVIDSON

Manager: M. KRAUSHAR

DAVIDSON

		Poly	*Opponent*
Feb. 11	Midwood	868	852
Feb. 18	Erasmus	887	853
Feb. 19	Boys High	867	891
Feb. 26	Lafayette	877	748
March 5	Erasmus Milford	859	877 695
March 9	Lincoln	885	829
March 17	Lincoln	905*	852
March 18	Midwood	885	841
March 19	Boys High	867	896

*Record.

Back—Mr. Golding, Piccini, Fox, D. Seidel, S. M. Levine, Kase, Freund, Kraushar, Meyerhoefer. *Front* — Malina, Lustig, Sherer, Davidson, Flamm, Mackler, J. Swift.

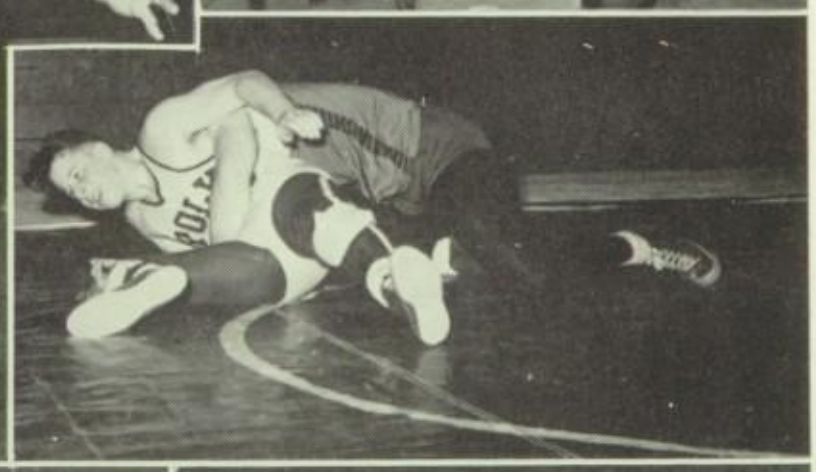
Livingstone is a big splash

Lille, leaning tower of Poly

John seems to be going somewhere

Better get a new pair, Tom

Bob Metz, the toy gorilla



Feinstein rolls out

Djerf on top again

Segall swallows

Back—Antony, B. Freedman, Hammer, Siegel, Gleisten, Ventra, Manfre. *Second*—S. Ducker, I. Ames, Lille, McNeill, Judson, R. Merhige, Dunlop, A. Cresci, Mussio. *Front*—Mr. Bohnet, Meyer, Ceravolo, R. Fearon, Ottaviano, M. Abramowitz, Mr. Parker.

Baseball

WINNING nine out of eleven games, the 1953 baseball team capped a highly successful season by carrying off the Ivy League championship for the second consecutive year. The Bohnet Trophy, given to the most valuable player on the team, was awarded jointly to Captain Dick Fearon and Ron Judson.

After dropping the opening game to Trinity, 2-1, the team caught fire. Adelphi was beaten, 4-1; Riverdale shut out, 3-0; Stony Brook vanquished, 9-5; and St. Paul's conquered, 6-4. The string was broken, however, as the nine was stopped, 9-3, by Horace Mann. This was the last defeat of the campaign, for the Blue and Gray went on to capture five more victories and complete a championship season.

With five returning lettermen as a nucleus, Coach Bohnet built a solid team. The infield was composed of Ottaviano at first, Abramowitz at second, Ducker at shortstop, and Captain Fearon at third. Ceravolo, Manfre, Meyer, and Antony performed in the outfield, while McNeill handled the catching. The highlight of the season was the pitching of Ron Judson, who allowed no more than four hits in any one game.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Fearon, M. Abramowitz, Antony, Ceravolo, S. Ducker, Hammer, Judson, Manfre, McNeill, R. Merhige, Meyer, Ottaviano, Siegel, and Manager Mussio.

Coach and Faculty Adviser: MR. BOHNET — *Assistant Coach:* MR. PARKER

Captain: R. FEARON — *Manager:* J. MUSSIO

		Poly	*Opponent*
April 11	Trinity	1	2
April 15	Adelphi	4	1
April 17	Riverdale	3	0
April 22	Stony Brook	9	5
April 25	St. Paul's	6	4
April 29	Horace Mann	3	9
May 9	St. Paul's	8	2
May 13	Horace Mann	5	1
May 16	Trinity	7	2
May 23	Stony Brook	2	1
May 25	Riverdale	22	2

S. DUCKER (1954)

FINK (1954)

Track

LED by the "Big Four," Poly's famed track quartet, the 1953 track team roared to an undefeated season, captured its eighth straight Ivy League title, and returned victorious from the A. A. P. S. meet with its fifth straight crown. The foursome, Captain Ron Pohls, Jim Crawford, Bob Kirschner, and Les Leonetti, aided by other high scoring seniors and a well-rounded squad, turned in one of the best records in the history of the school.

After trouncing James Madison in the opening meet, the Blue and Gray suffered their only real disappointment of the campaign, as the "Big Four" were edged in both the 440-yard sprint relay and the mile championship relay at the annual Penn Relays.

Bouncing back, the team downed Horace Mann, 70-46, as the tracksters again dominated the sprints and the field events. The next day, at the Brooklyn College meet, a novice relay combination of Bruno, Fawcett, Felner, and Stone was victorious over more than forty other teams. New Utrecht, borough P. S. A. L. champion, was next, as the Poly won a close meet by a score of 58⅔-54⅓.

In one of the closest meets of the season the team again captured the Ivy League Championship. The meet was not decided until the last event, the 880-yard relay, in which Pohls, Crawford, Leonetti, and Kirschner raced to a new school and meet record of 1:32.9. Continuing the pace, Poly downed Xavier, 84-20, as Peter Holmes tallied 18 points.

Against some of the best teams in the area the trackmen came off with a good third in the Englewood Meet. Leonetti came home first in the 220, and "Tigger" Bell equaled the school pole vault record of 11 feet 4 inches. In their most exciting dual meet the cindermen again came from behind to top Stony Brook, 54-50. Captain Pohls was the hero of the day, scoring 18½ points in six different events. Closing the season successfully, the team ran away with the A. A. P. S. Division II title, with a score of 95 points.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Pohls, Bell, Bouton, Bruno, Crawford, Fawcett, Felner, Fink, Gurley, Graeb, R. Howie, Holmes, Kirschner, Leonetti, Pugliese, F. Rieger, H. Stone, Temple, and Manager Bonina.

Coach: MR. TUTTLE
Captain: R. POHLS
Faculty Adviser: DR. KASTENDIECK
Manager: S. BONINA

Back — Fink, H. Stone, Bouton, R. Howie, Spark, F. Rieger, Bruno, Bond, Klotz. *Second*—Mr. Tuttle, Graeb, Kirschner, Crawford, L. Leonetti, Bell, Bonina, Dr. Kastendieck. *Front*—Temple, Pugliese.

		Poly	*Opponent*
April 17	James Madison	70	12
April 22	Penn Relays—*Second* in 440-yard relay (American Championship); *Second* in mile relay (American Championship)		
May 1	Horace Mann	76	46
May 2	Brooklyn College Meet—*First* in novice medley relay		
May 6	New Utrecht	58¾	54¼
May 9	Ivy League Meet	First place open Second place novice	
May 12	Xavier	84	20
May 16	Englewood Track Meet	Third place	
May 20	Stony Brook	54	50
May 23	A. A. P. S.	First in class II	

TRACK RECORDS

Event	*Record*	*Date*
100-yard Dash	J. Brody, 9.7	1948
100-yard Dash, Junior	J. Brody, 10.2	1946
220-yard Dash, Senior	J. Brody, 21.8	1948
220-yard Dash, Junior	J. Duffy, 23.8	1931
	J. Pilkington	1938
440-yard Run	H. Van Allen, 49.6	1942
880-yard Run	R. Gilt, 1:59.3	1939
Mile Run	R. Gilt, 4:31.3	1939
120-yard High Hurdles	R. Meyers, 16.4	1923
	R. Zellner	1932
220-yard Low Hurdles	R. Zellner, 25.1	1932
Pole Vault	H. Megaw, 11 ft., 4 in.	1930
	R. Bell	1953
High Jump	R. Edwards, 5 ft., 11¼ in.	1948
Shot Put, Senior	G. Fox, 49 ft., 2 in.	1942
Shot Put, Junior	J. Brody, 47 ft., 8½ in.	1946
Running Broad Jump, Senior	R. Knight, 21 ft., 11 in.	1932
Running Broad Jump, Junior	J. Brody, 21 ft., 6 in.	1946
Discus Throw	G. Huntington, 119 ft., 6⅞ in.	1941
Javelin Throw	G. Bronder, 166 ft., 8½ in.	1914
880-yard Relay	Leonetti, Crawford, Kirschner, Pohls, 1:32.9	1953
Mile Relay	Baird, Murphy, George, Van Allen, 3:30	1942

BOARD TRACK RECORDS

Event	*Record*	*Date*
60-yard Dash	J. Brody, 6.3	1948
	L. Leonetti	1953
220-yard Run	R. Pohls, 23.3	1953
440-yard Run	R. Kirschner, 51.7	1953
880-yard Run	W. Gillen, 2:00.1	1954
Mile Run	W. Gillen, 4:31.9	1954
Shot Put	L. Maslow, 47 ft., 6½ in.	1952
High Jump	R. Pohls, 5 ft., 10-1/16 in.	1953
880-yard Relay	Rose, Bergen, Fogarty, La Vin, 1:37	1923
Mile Relay	Nelson, Green, McCague, McDonald, 3:33.2	1927
Four-Lap Relay, Junior	Brody, Howes, Pape, Kramer, 1:19	1947
Six-Lap Relay, Senior	Leonetti, Crawford, Kirschner, Pohls, 1:57.6	1953

FLAMM (1954)

Lacrosse

ALTHOUGH the 1953 lacrosse team lost all of its twelve contests, the Indians showed great improvement throughout the season. With very few lettermen returning, many juniors and sophomores saw action and gained valuable experience.

After being trounced by Manhasset, Rutgers Frosh, Garden City, and Sewanhaka, the Blue and Gray fought gamely but were nipped by New York Military Academy in overtime, 5-4. The squad was outclassed but never outfought by its opponents. Although the Indians fought hard, they were no match for the powerful opposition. The rest of the season was just as unsuccessful as the beginning, as the Blue and Gray dropped the final seven games.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Tuozzo, Bermas, Conning, Djerf, Eiseman, Flamm, Godin, Greeley, Greenhut, Groskoph, Kalison, Loughlin, Lundy, Mottur, Thayer, Wasserman, and Zola.

Coach and Faculty Adviser: MR. EAGLESON

Captain: A. TUOZZO

Assistant Coach: MR. CARTER

		Poly	*Opponent*
April 8	Manhasset	4	11
April 11	Rutgers Prep	3	16
April 15	Garden City	4	12
April 18	Sewanhaka	2	21
April 25	N. Y. M. A.	4	5
May 6	Sewanhaka	0	20
May 9	Mineola	6	9
May 13	Freeport	3	19
May 16	Hofstra Freshmen	1	26
May 20	C. C. N. Y. Freshmen	2	8
May 23	Peekskill M. A.	1	5
May 28	Freeport	2	10

Back—Everson, Rosenberg, Younes, Conning, Hoberman. *Third*—Mr. Eagleson, Groskoph, Stoler, Godin, B. Thayer, Eiseman, Wasserman, P. Bermas, Damsey. *Second*—Djerf, Greeley, Lundy, Greenhut, Tuozzo, Zola, Flamm, Mottur, Loughlin. *Front*—Hart, Lustig.

Back—Mr. Case, Morrison, Cohen, M. Glick, Solomon. *Front*—D. Nahon, Sherer, E. Wheeler, Shapiro, Stone.

Tennis

THE 1953 tennis team completed an average season by winning four of its eight matches. The netmen did well considering the fact that only two lettermen, Captain Gene Wheeler and Bill Shapiro, returned from last year's squad.

The Blue and Gray opened the season by defeating St. Peter's, 6-3, but was beaten in the next match by Peddie, 5-4. After shutting out Trinity, 5-0, the racquet squad lost to Horace Mann, 9-0, and Riverdale, 3-2. In the final encounter of the campaign, the team was edged out by Barnard, 3-2, after trouncing Adelphi, 8-1, and vanquishing St. Paul's, 4-1.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Wheeler, Kobre, Nahon, Shapiro, Sherer, Stone, and Manager Glick.

Coach and Faculty Adviser: MR. CASE

Captain: E. WHEELER *Manager:* M. GLICK

		Poly	*Opponent*
April 17	St. Peter's	6	3
April 22	Peddie	4	5
April 29	Trinity	5	0
May 6	Horace Mann	0	9
May 9	Riverdale	2	3
May 13	Adelphi	8	1
May 14	St. Paul's	4	1
May 20	Barnard	2	3

SHAPIRO (1954)

Golf

LED by the steady playing of Captain Al Mushkin and Al Rosenthal, the 1953 golf team completed a successful season, compiling a 5-4 record.

The team opened the season well with a 3-2 victory over Fort Hamilton. Poly dropped the next two, however, to Bayside, P. S. A. L. champion, and Erasmus by scores of 5-0 and 3-2 respectively. The linksmen next defeated New Utrecht, 4-1, but in a return match with Bayside they again succumbed, this time by a score of 3-2. Midwood and St. Michaels went down by identical scores of 5-0. After losing a close match to Curtis, 3½-1½, the team ended the season victoriously by shutting out Fort Hamilton, 5-0.

In the annual golf outing at Bethpage, Rosenthal defeated Mushkin for the school championship.

The following were awarded letters: Captain Mushkin, Caselnova, Richman, Rosenthal, Swarzman, Walker, and Manager Woody.

Faculty Adviser: MR. MITCHELL

Captain: A. MUSHKIN *Manager:* C. WOODY

		Poly	*Opponent*
April 17	Fort Hamilton	4	1
April 22	Bayside	0	5
April 24	Erasmus	2	3
April 27	New Utrecht	4	1
April 29	Bayside	2	3
May 1	Midwood	5	0
May 4	St. Michael's	5	0
May 11	Curtis	1½	3½
May 15	Fort Hamilton	5	0

Back—Woody, Rosenthal, Richman, Davis. *Front*—Caselnova, Mushkin, E. Walker.

Back—Mr. Lucas, Lundy, F. Rieger, Loughlin. *Front*—Fink, P. Bermas, Djerf.

Varsity Club

THE purpose of the Varsity Club, which is composed of students who have each won their first team letters in three different sports, is to propose to the Athletic Committee recommendations which it feels will be beneficial to the general welfare of the school.

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ALLEN LUNDY
FREDERICK RIEGER

JUNIORS

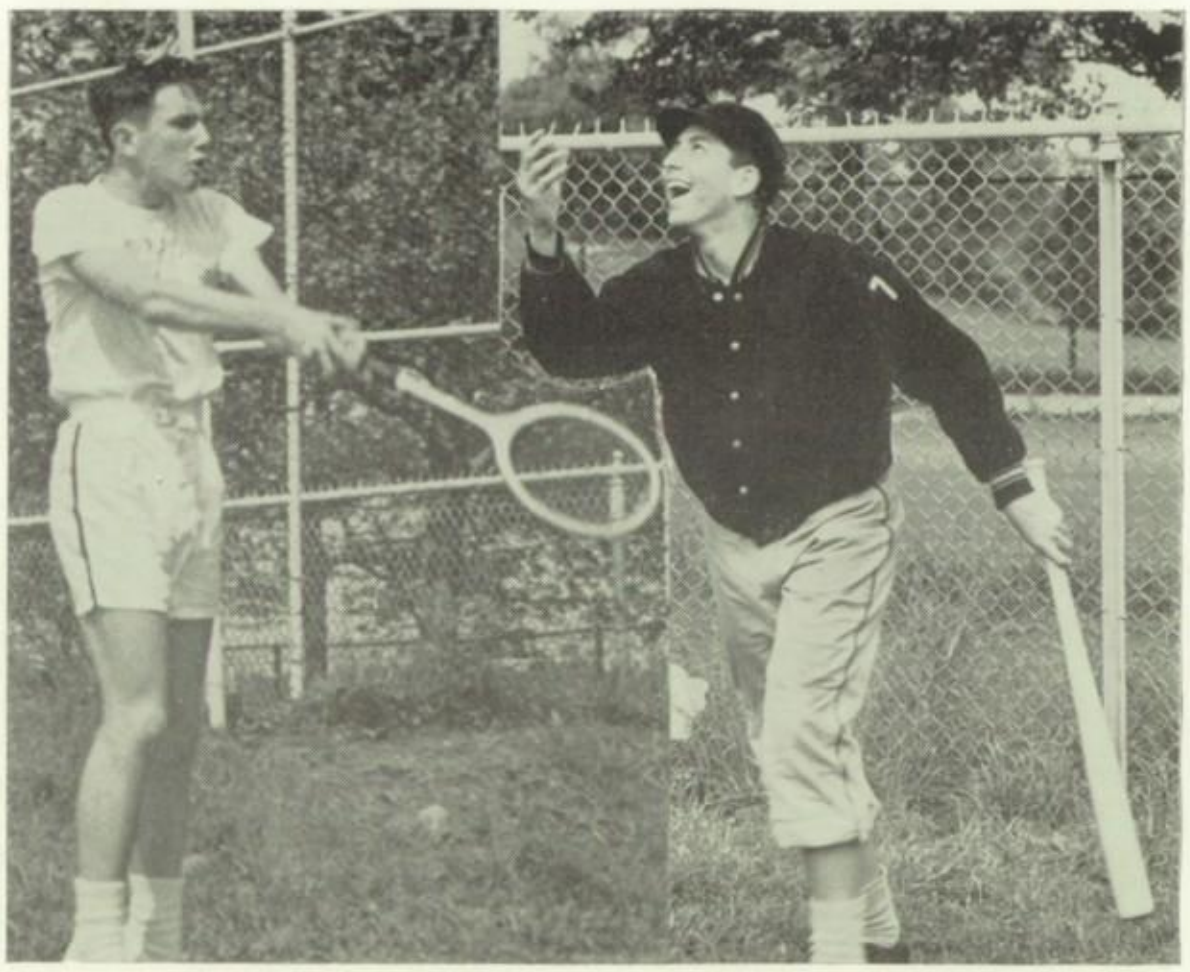
BRUCE BOUTON

SWIMMING RECORDS

Event	*Record and Holder*	*Date*
50-yard Free Style	P. Genthner, 24.2	1919
100-yard Free Style	R. Gilt, 55.6	1939
200-yard Free Style	R. Cords, 2:19	1936
220-yard Free Style	J. Hall, 2:25.2	1922
100-yard Backstroke	J. Gibson, 1:04.4	1940
100-yard Breast Stroke	B. Armstrong, 1:16.2	1940
150-yard Individual Medley	A. Cresci, 1:57	1954
150-yard Medley	J. Gibson, B. Armstrong, P. Williams, 1:28.4	1940
200-yard Relay	Walls, Moore, Ferris, Gilt, 1:42.9	1939

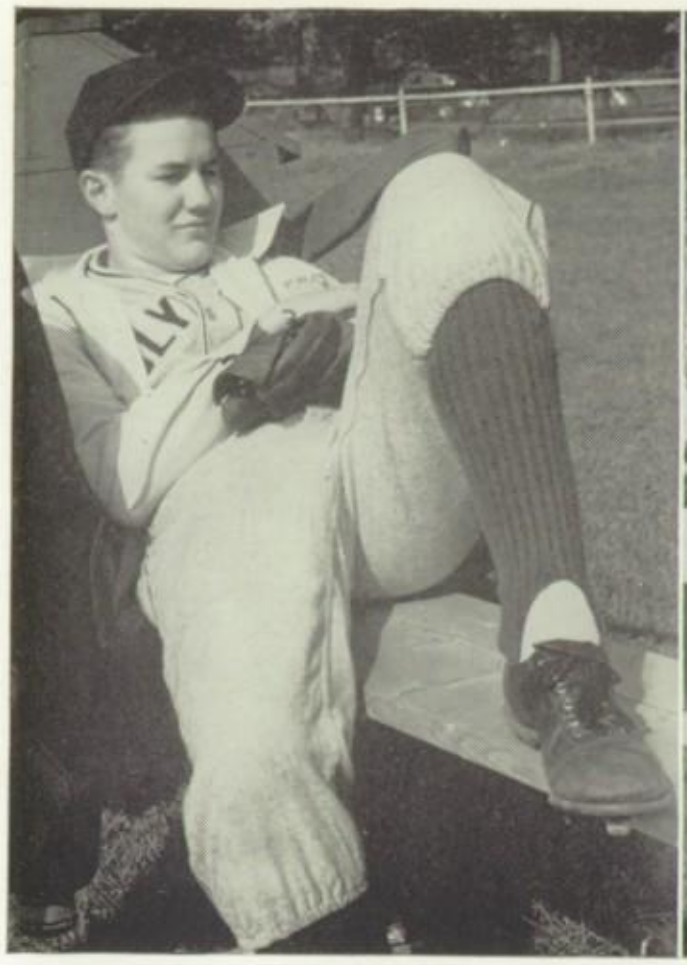
Dartmouth shortstop

Fawcett shows Felner how



Sherer defends himself

Ames enjoys baseball



The rough life of a bullpen pitcher

It's in the bag for Sussman

Harvey lets loose

Swish

Solomon set for return

Minor Sports

FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The competition in the annual fall golf tournament was very keen. The purpose of the tournament is to give the faculty adviser of the team an opportunity to look over his prospects for the coming year's squad. Herbert Swarzman was the winner of the tournament, defeating Ira Ames in the final round.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

In the finals of the doubles tennis tournament held last fall, the team of Finkelstein and Williamson defeated the team of Kalison and M. Freedman, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

J. V. FOOTBALL

The 1953 J. V. football team unfortunately had its season curtailed. In two games that were played the team was victorious. In a hard fought battle the Blue and Gray overcame Trinity, 6-0. The junior gridders also defeated Erasmus, 14-7. In Mr. Ruckstull's absence, Mr. Metz took over the coaching duties and developed many good prospects for next year's varsity squad.

Coach: MR. METZ

		Poly	*Opponent*
Oct. 23	Trinity	6	0
Oct. 30	Erasmus	14	7

Back — Gilbert, Fuller, Sloate, Bernstein, Olson, Hertz, E. Sirianni, D. Schwartz, Shapiro. *Second* — Mr. Metz, Scharges, Hempel, Krass, F. Lang, Gold, Stark, Malhame, Andreozzi, Mr. Bonnano. *Front* — R. Schoenemann, Louis, Latteri, T. Rieger, B. Ducker, Bunsick, Naiman, Hall.

Back—Lessall, Signer, Jacoby, Naiman, Barnett. *Second*—Mr. Metz, Bogen, Kraushar, Medley, F. Lang, Peskin, Kwass. *Front*—Schoenfield, Larsen, Petchesky, Kaufman, P. Brown, Malhame, Olson.

J. V. BASEBALL

The 1953 J. V. baseball team had a winning season, taking four of its seven games. The team defeated St. Paul's twice, Trinity, and Brooklyn Tech, but lost to Horace Mann twice and to Brooklyn Prep. Many of the starters are sure to prove valuable to the varsity in the near future.

Coach: Mr. Metz

		Poly	*Opponent*
April 15	Trinity	4	3
April 25	St. Paul's	4	2
April 29	Horace Mann	5	9
May 9	St. Paul's	7	1
May 13	Horace Mann	8	10
May 21	Brooklyn Tech	9	5
May 28	Brooklyn Prep	1	5

SQUASH TOURNAMENT

This was one of the most successful squash tournaments ever held at Poly. Fifty-two upper school boys took part in the fierce competition. William Hart of the fifth form defeated Ralph Groskoph of the sixth form in the final match. As a result of the tournament, eighteen boys signed up for squash during the winter.

Back—Mr. Ruckstull, Andreozzi, J. Howie, Finkelstein, Carter, P. Brown, Thompson, Kalison, K. Howie. *Front*—Gilbert, Schwartzwald, Scalzo, Hauptman, Pollack, Freundlich, Seley, S. K. Levine.

J. V. BASKETBALL

Winning only three of their eleven games, the 1953 J. V. basketball players gained valuable experience for the coming years. The playing of many of the young hoopsters was encouraging to the varsity coaches.

Coach: Mr. Ruckstull

		Poly	*Opponent*
Jan. 13	St. Paul's	51	36
Jan. 15	Trinity	38	55
Jan. 20	St. Michael's	34	64
Feb. 6	Horace Mann	44	46
Feb. 11	Adelphi	41	34
Feb. 13	St. John's Prep	51	61
Feb. 17	Horace Mann	44	52
Feb. 23	St. John's Prep	32	64
Feb. 24	Riverdale	38	40
March 3	Trinity	42	37
March 6	St. Michael's	45	47

BOARD TRACK MEET

The annual board track meet was held on December 15 and featured a great many participants. Fred Rieger was the only triple winner, while Paul Klotz and Jack Fink each won two medals. In the novice division, Al Lundy won the 300 yard dash and Art Walker placed first in the mile run. The senior form team won the class relay race.

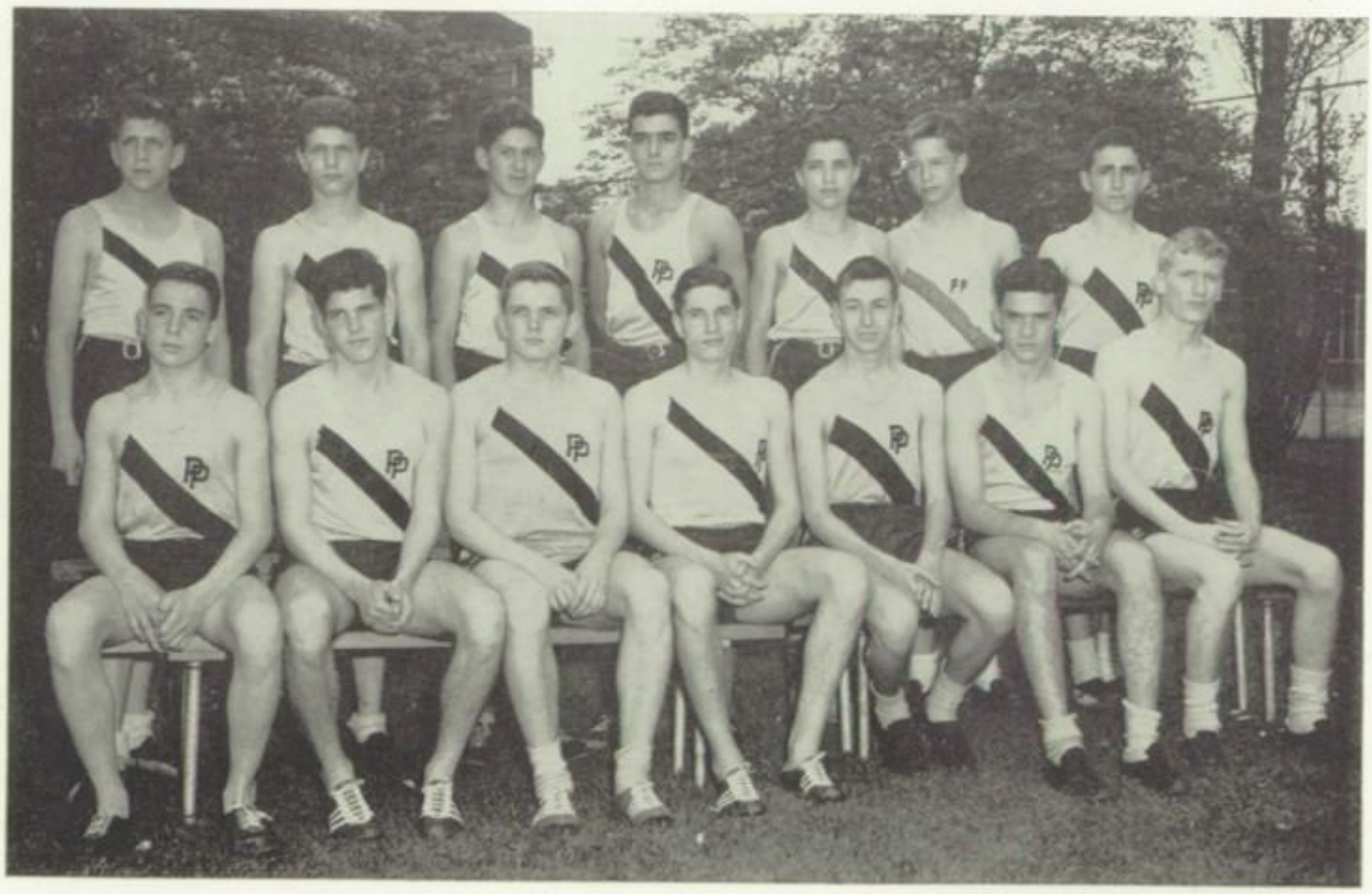
J. V. TRACK

The 1953 J. V. track team showed excellent promise despite the fact that they won only one of their three meets. Many of the sophomores gained practice and experience in the cinder sport. After losing to Madison in the opener, the team overwhelmed Horace Mann, but the Blue and Gray dropped the final meet to New Utrecht.

Coach: MR. TUTTLE

		Poly	*Opponent*
April 17	Madison	8	15
May 1	Horace Mann	58	35
May 6	New Utrecht	26	42

Back—Segall, Smoller, J. Swift, Stone, F. Giustra, Louis, A. Walker. *Front*—T. Rieger, Gurley, T. Schoenemann, Fawcett, Felner, Sussman, W. Schwartz.



RIFLE TOURNAMENT

Stuart Mackler of the fifth form placed first in the annual novice rifle tournament held last winter with a score of 176. Dunnie Sherer of the senior form was runner-up with a 164 score.

OASIS-FACULTY BASKETBALL GAME

In a highly spirited game, the Oasis overwhelmed the faculty, 30-23. Tom Bond led the victors with 10 points, and Myron Ruckstull of the losers matched this total.

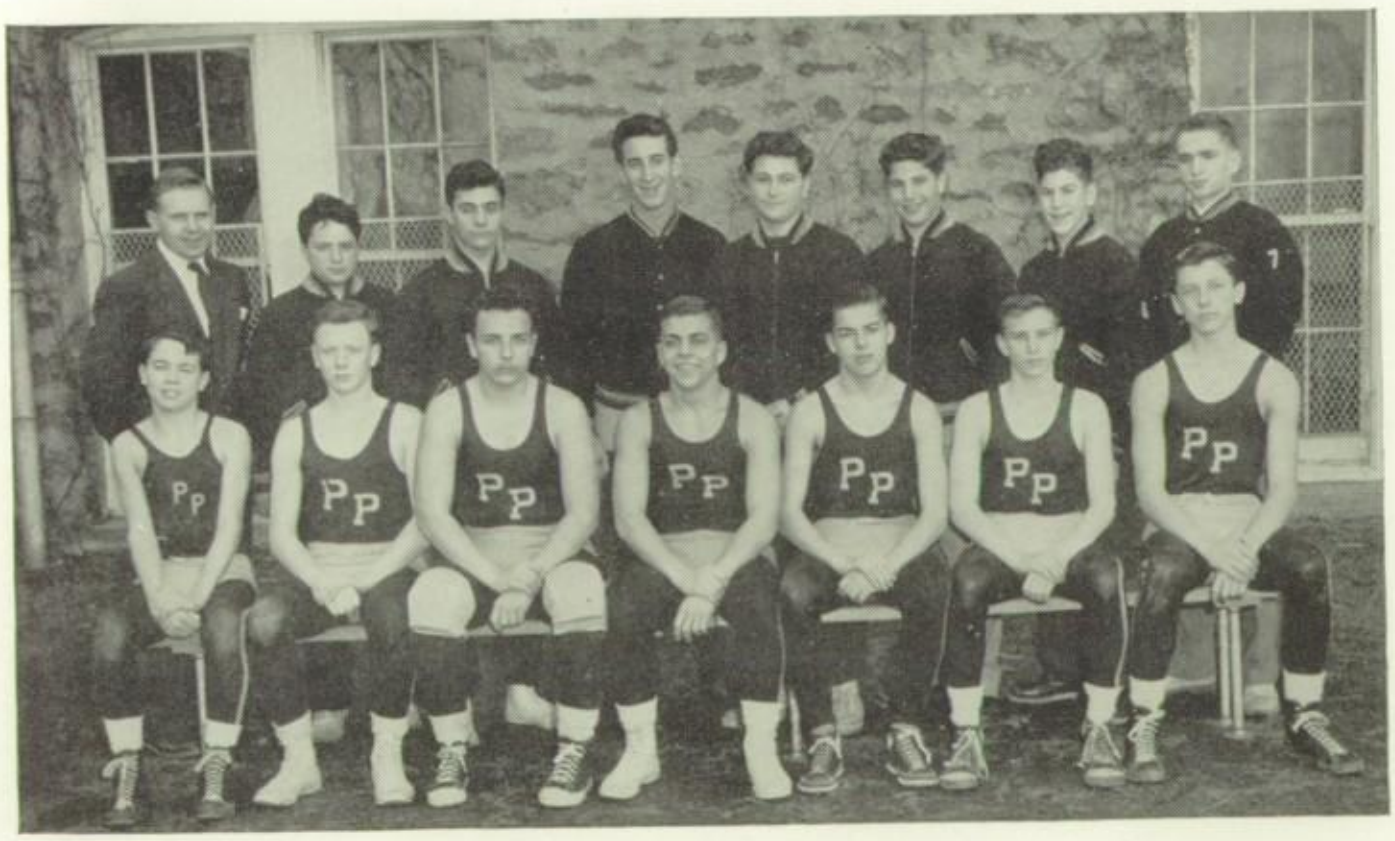
J. V. WRESTLING

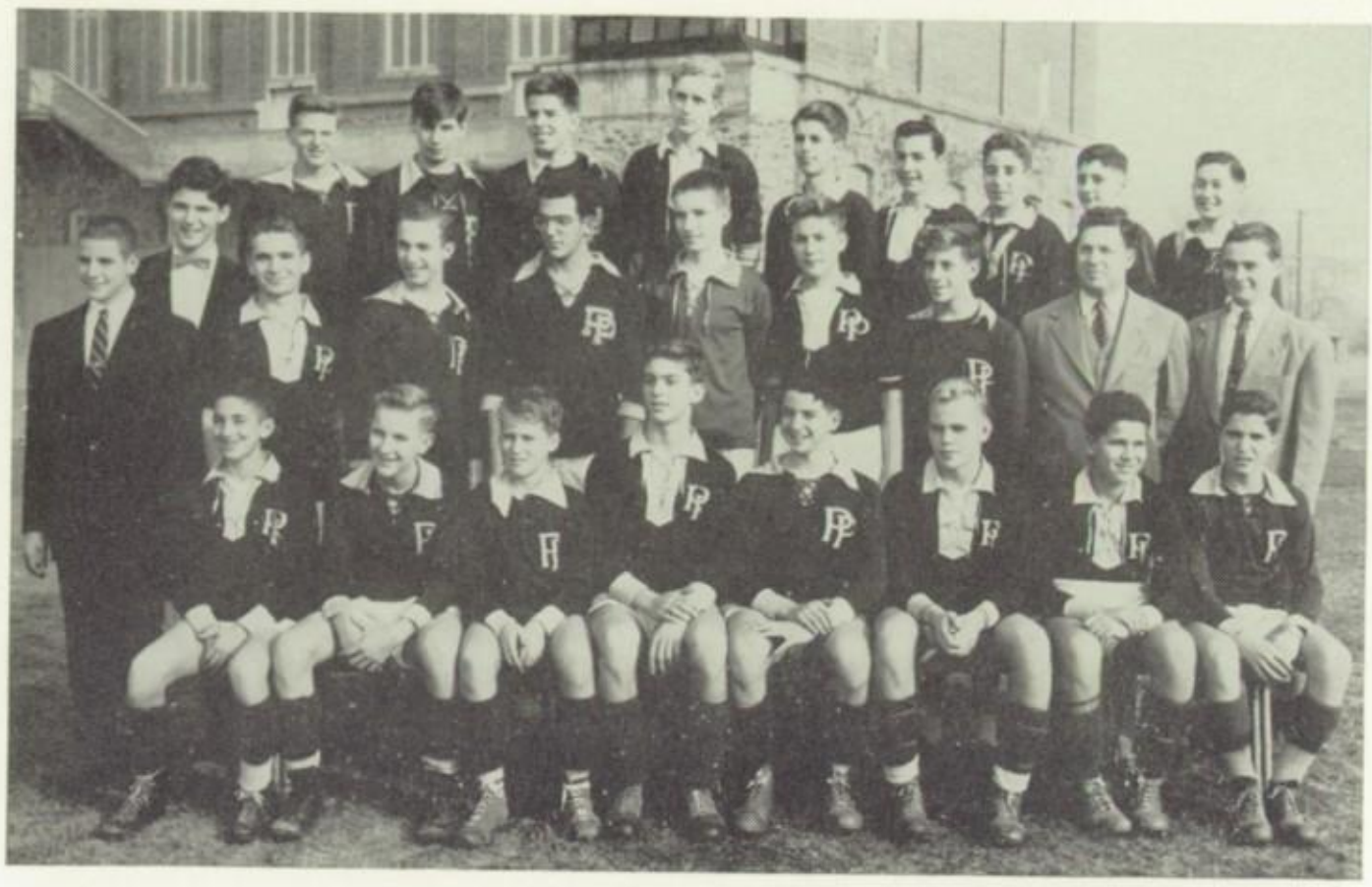
The 1954 J. V. wrestling team won two of its three meets. The grapplers defeated St. Paul's and Trinity, but lost to Stony Brook.

Coach: Mr. Metz

		Poly	*Opponent*
Jan. 13	St. Paul's	20	2
Feb. 13	Stony Brook	12	30
Feb. 20	Trinity	14	12

Back—Mr. Metz, Lazzaro, Goldsmith, Albert, Seminara, Pearlman, Lipson, R. Perlman. *Front* — Magee, Johnson, Lang, Junker, Kressierer, Lebowitz, Warren.





Back—Brody, Segall, Colen, Camp, Daniels, Solomon, Jaffe, P. Giustra, Orloff. *Second* — Meirowitz, Denmark, Perlman, Koreman, Altman, Carter, S. M. Levine, Segall, Mr. Case, Chiteman. *Front*—Lessall, Knutsen, Press, Haft, Flug, Nelson, Hauptman, F. Giustra.

J. V. SOCCER

The 1953 J. V. soccer team experienced a poor season. The Blue and Gray was outclassed by its opponents in both its encounters, losing to Brooklyn Tech and Horace Mann.

Coach: Mr. Case

		Poly	*Opponent*
Nov. 5	Brooklyn Tech	0	4
Nov. 9	Horace Mann	1	3

NOVICE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Nine boys were awarded medals for their victories in the annual novice wrestling tournament. The champions:

100-lb. class	Fred Magee
114-lb. class	Jeff Marlin
125-lb. class	John Nahon
135-lb. class	Stanard Hall
145-lb. class	Carl Hempel
155-lb. class	Tony Junker
165-lb. class	Fred Rieger
175-lb. class	Jack Fink
Unlimited class	Tony Purpura

NOVICE TRACK MEET

In the annual novice track meet held last April five medals were awarded to contestants who equaled or broke pre-determined marks set by Coach Tuttle. Medals were donated by Charles B. Tritschler, '17.

100-yard Dash, Senior	Ronald Graeb
*100-yard Dash, Junior	Andrew Gurley
220-yard Dash, Senior	Jim Fawcett
220-yard Dash, Junior	Andrew Gurley
220-yard Low Hurdles	Fred Rieger
440-yard Run	Tom Bond
880-yard Run	Tom Bond
*High Jump	Fred Rieger
*Pole Vault	Tom Rieger
Broad Jump	Karl Djerf
*Shot Put	Peter Holmes
*Discus	Richard Spark

**Medal Winners.*

BLUE AND GRAY

The Blue and Gray competition was inaugurated in 1908 "in order to infuse the fellows with better school spirit, and in order to turn out better teams." In the 1952-1953 rivalry the Blues overcame the Grays, 22-15. The 1953-1954 color leaders.

	Blue	*Gray*
School Leaders	V. Aiello	J. Greeley
Sixth Form	P. Klotz	L. Silverstein
Fifth Form	A. Gurley	P. Lille
Fourth Form	C. Kaufman	H. Yates
Third Form	V. Chiarello	J. Pearlman
Second Form	A. Valerio	B. Henningsen
First Form	S. Lavine	R. Nesi
Sixth Grade	G. Rizzuti	J. Magliocco
Fifth Grade	P. Cresci	G. Sherman

Mr. Eagy contemptuous of Caselnova

Dragnet

And away-y-y we go

He's real gone

Load of potatoes

Mr. Parker blesses lower schoolers

1954 Spring Highlights

LARGE turnout for all sports during spring vacation . . . baseball team ties Madison in opener, 5-5, then loses to Curtis, 6-1 . . . nine starts rolling . . . Ames pitches and Grundman homers in 6-3 victory over Riverdale in first league tilt . . . Indians lose to Manhasset and Rutgers Frosh . . . win first game in two years by defeating Peekskill as Lundy, Greeley, and Hoberman score two each . . . track team overwhelms Madison, 66-20 . . . Fawcett is high scorer with 11¼ points . . . Fink's record shot put of 50 ft. 2 in. in Brooklyn Prep practice meet declared unofficial . . . tennis team splits first two matches . . . loses to Pingry, 4-1, and downs Peddie, 6-3 . . . golf team starts slowly with 3½-1½ loss to Garden City . . . picks up with 2½-2½ tie with Curtis . . . hits stride as it beats New Utrecht, 4-1 . . . four seniors, Caselnova, Swarzman, Tergesen, and Davis on starting golf five . . . Manfre's double climaxes last inning surge as nine comes from behind to down St. Paul's, 4-3 . . . Brown and Dunlop combine to hold losers scoreless after second inning . . . lacrosse team defeated by C. C. N. Y. Frosh in close contest, 6-4 . . . Greeley leads season scoring race with five goals . . . team of Yates, Lindt, Bruno, and Gillen place second in class mile relay at Penn Relays . . . Ames notches second victory as baseball team trounces Horace Mann, 7-2 . . . golf team takes two straight, topping Ft. Hamilton, 4-1, and Brooklyn Tech, 3-2 . . . Swarzman extends winning streak to four straight . . . tennis team blanks St. Paul's, 5-0 . . . nine nears Ivy League championship again with two victories in two days . . . Ames shuts out Riverdale, 13-0, and Brown stops Trinity, 8-3 . . . lacrosse team beaten by N. Y. M. A., 12-6 . . . Bill Gillen breaks one school and two meet records . . . track team captures Ivy League championship for ninth consecutive time . . . Bill runs mile in 4:31.2 . . . returns two hours later to shatter two marks with a 1:58.3 half mile . . . others winners, Fawcett in 220, Fink in shot put, Rieger in low hurdles . . . 880-yard relay team of Fawcett, Schoenemann, Yates, and Rieger edges Stony Brook in 1:37.1.

The careless sweetness of your mind
Comes from the buried years behind

Retrospect

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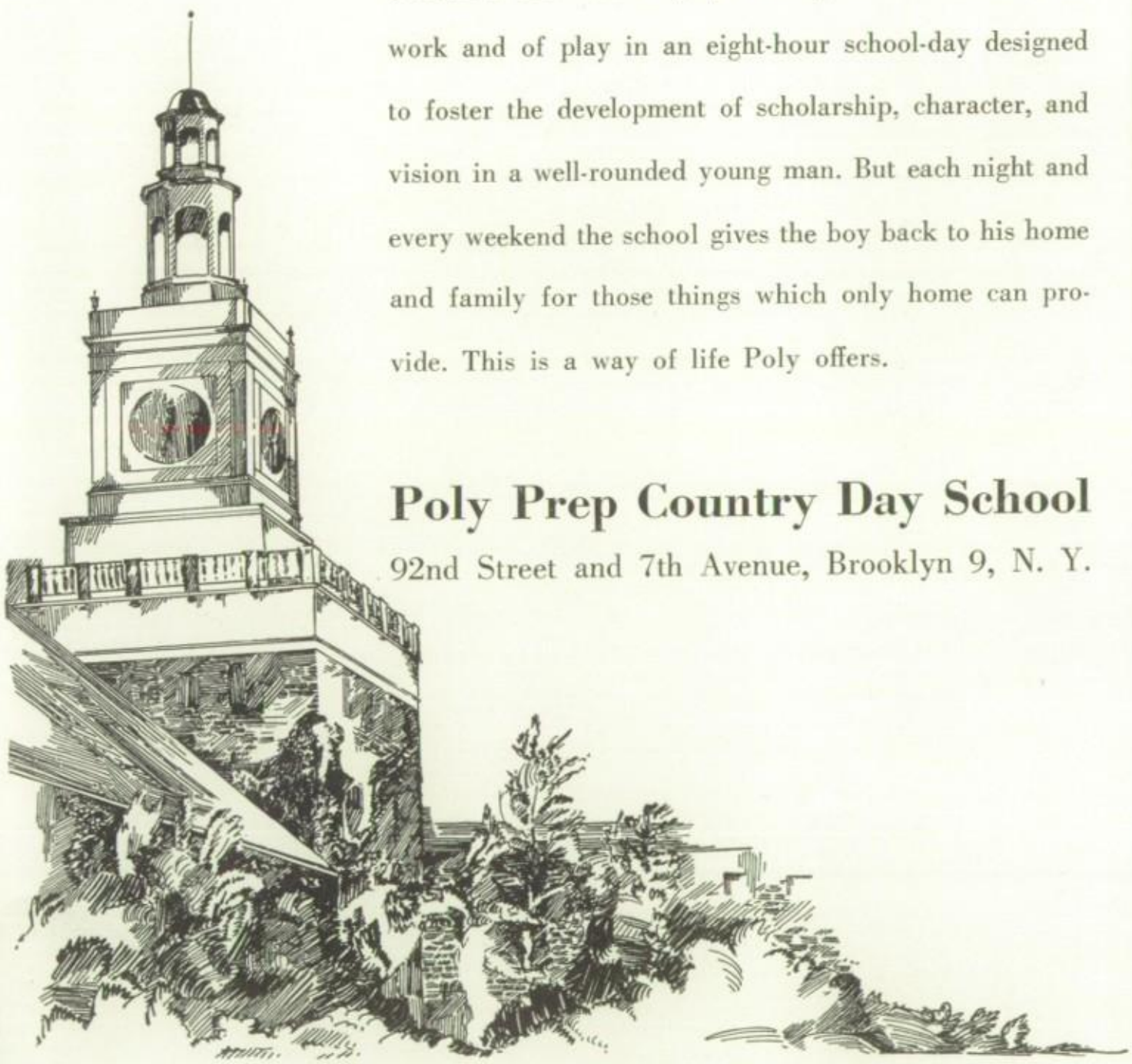

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Rush to P. O. D. as physics gets past first lesson.

Doc Van wants to know if Loughlin knows where Pierrepont St. is.

Ray asks Grundman to hit him at full speed.

Ray strangely missing from practice.

Groskoph is overshadowed as football team scrimmages Madison with heaviest line in city.

Morrison asks if his special English reading project could be in the Classic Comics.

Fink finds out that he lost the free 200 points on the College Boards by misspelling his name.

Djerf complains that he is in a 30 daze to a more powerful vocabulary.

Mr. Mitchell tells class to read in a field that will help them in future years. Kane reads *Story of Poly.*

Feinstein says he worked out physics problem in head. Fred asks, "Which head?"

October

History class discusses woman suffrage. Stoler wakes up and says, "Let 'em suffer."

Schoenemann calls ball off on four. Cresci complains that he can't count that high.

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Mr. Miller forbids the playing of football in form room.

Paper wad baseball and hockey seasons begin.

Spanish IV students vote that Karten should type the Spanish homework. It's easier to read that way.

Davis breaks window in form room.

November

Davis requests locomotive for cross country team. Doc Van suggests an ox. Team completes undefeated season.

Freedman gets zero in physics test.

Fred demonstrates force pump in physics. Schwartz drowned in action.

Silverstein adds up six physics marks and hopes Fred will scale him to pass.

Loughlin comes to school for first time on a Monday.

Mr. Ackley calls Livingstone an extrovert.

Mussio finishes 30-day vocabulary test and starts on Camels.

Davis breaks window in Mr. Mitchell's room.

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Barnett shakes in shoes as Fred demonstrates brute force.

"The Hack" misreads horoscope. Strangely missing from school.

Mussio starts on Chesterfields.

Everyone interested in numerology as Mr. Ackley promises that it will help on mid-years.

Ames sends sales slip for purchase of ten Princeton ties with his application.

Doc Van says boys who are going to colleges on Friday can miss the test. Lundy skips school. Goes to draft board.

January

Jacoby accepted at Roanoke.

Roanoke gets 57 new applicants.

Fred caught speeding to school. Physics class wants to know what the hurry is.

Track team shows up for practice in snowshoes.

Caselnova laments the loss of Marilyn Morone.

Sonnenblick joins Phi Beta Kaplan Club. Gets 750 on College Boards.

Whole class cheers as Fred proves Barnett wrong in physics problem.

Doc Van asks Caselnova if he is a Democrat. Reply—"Italian."

Doc Van warns class that he will read the mid-years. Lundy takes home history book.

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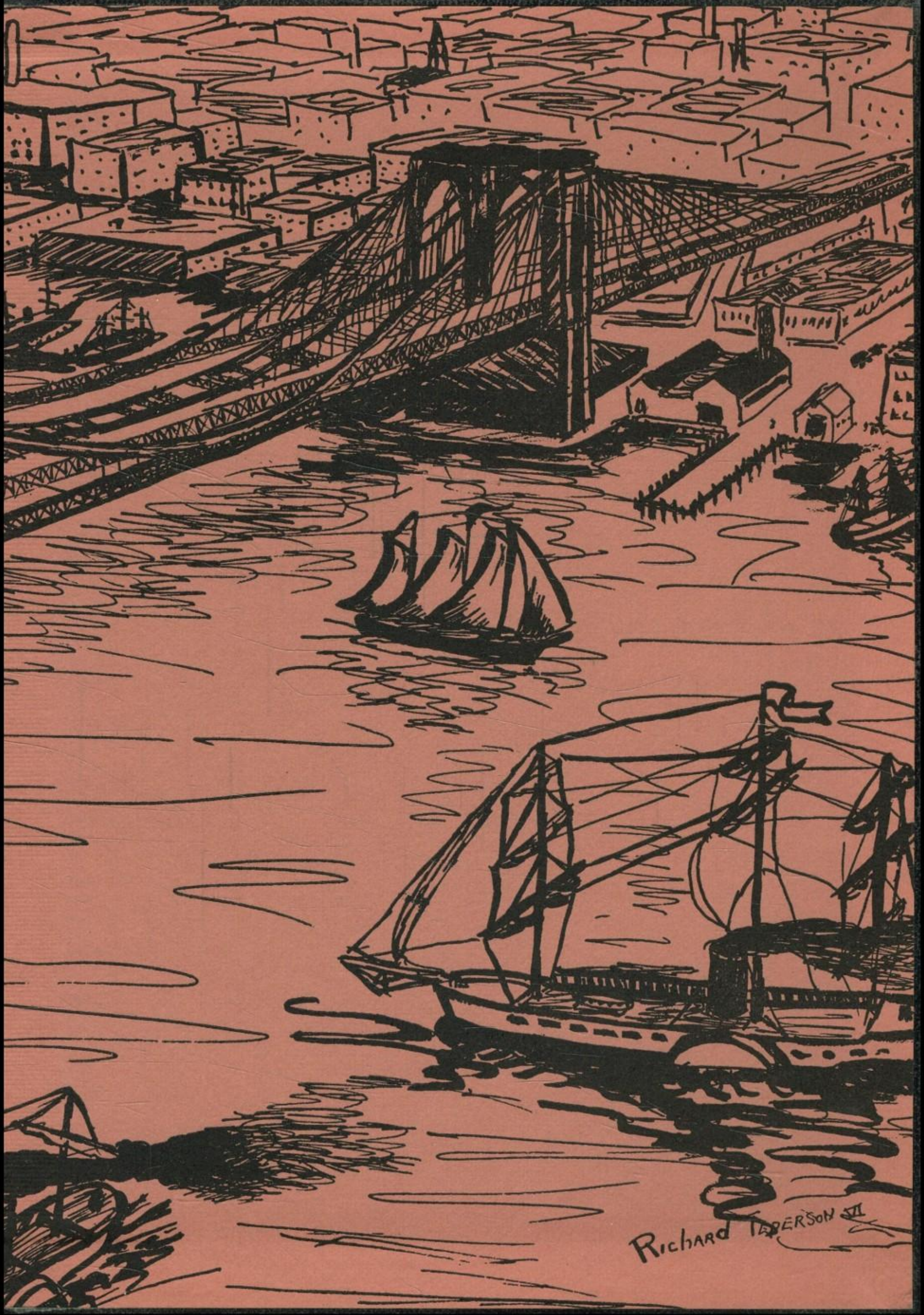
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